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CRIMEBUSTER

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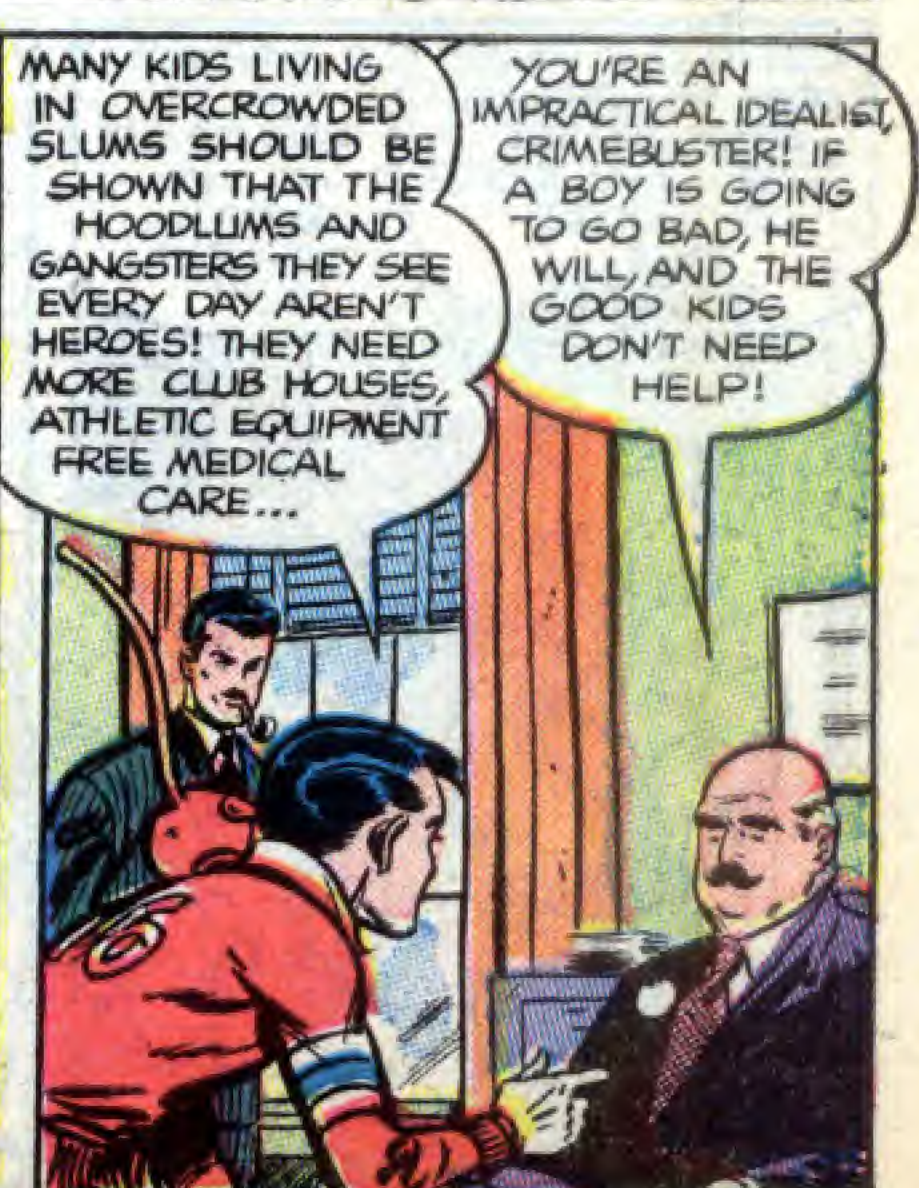
IN "THE BOY WITH THE RABBIT TEETH"



TWO OF THE STRONGEST HUMAN NEEDS ARE TO ADMIRE AND BE ADMIRER! THERE ARE MANY REASONS FOR ADMIRATION, SUCH AS PERSONALITY, FINANCIAL SUCCESS AND PHYSICAL APPEARANCE! TOO MANY PEOPLE PLACE ENTIRELY TOO MUCH IMPORTANCE ON THE LATTER! IN THE CASE OF PAUL VALANCE, THOSE WHO BROUGHT ATTENTION TO HIS MINOR PHYSICAL DEFECT WERE AS

WRONG AS PAUL HIMSELF WAS FOR ALLOWING THEIR RIDICULE TO AFFECT HIM SO DEEPLY! THESE CASUAL INSULTS NEARLY CAUSED A NOT SO CASUAL HUMAN CATASTROPHE! SEE HOW CRIMEBUSTER TRIES TO AVERT IT!

Charles Biro





THEY ALL NEED GUIDANCE! I'LL PROVE IT! IF I CAN TAKE ONE POTENTIAL CRIMINAL, AND TURN HIM INTO A GOOD CITIZEN, WILL YOU BELIEVE ME?

THAT'S FAIR ENOUGH, BUT I WARN YOU, I'M GOING TO BE HARD TO CONVINCE!



YOU'VE GONE WAY OVERBOARD ON THIS BOYS' CLUB, C.B.! I'M FOR GIVING THEM A LITTLE MONEY, BUT WE NEED MOST OF IT FOR NEW CONSTRUCTION!

I'LL CHANGE YOUR THINKING, TOO! SEE YOU LATER, LOOVER! I PROMISED TO DROP IN AT THE SETTLEMENT HOUSE THIS AFTERNOON!



IT'S NICE OF YOUNG MEN LIKE YOU, CRIMEBUSTER, TO COUNSEL THE BOYS OF THE CLUB... BUT I WISH WE COULD AFFORD ANOTHER CLUBHOUSE!

MAYBE SOME DAY YOU WILL!

C'MON, ALLIE, I'LL CHOOSE WITH YOU!



TAILS! ALLIE GETS FIRST CHOICE!

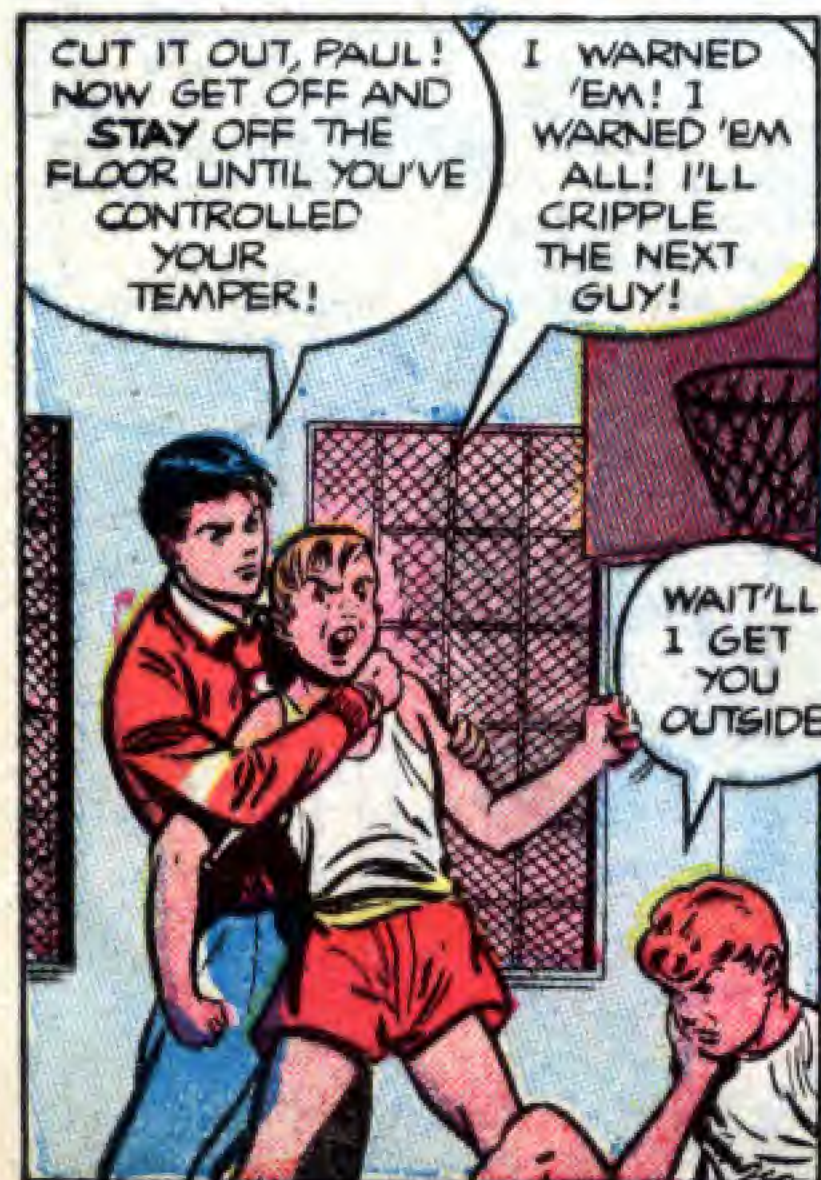
I'LL TAKE RABBIT TOOTH!

I TOLD YOU TO QUIT CALLING ME THAT!



I DIDN'T MEAN NOTHIN', RABBIT... ER... PAUL! DON'T!

STOP!



CUT IT OUT, PAUL! NOW GET OFF AND STAY OFF THE FLOOR UNTIL YOU'VE CONTROLLED YOUR TEMPER!

I WARNED 'EM! I WARNED 'EM ALL! I'LL CRIPPLE THE NEXT GUY!

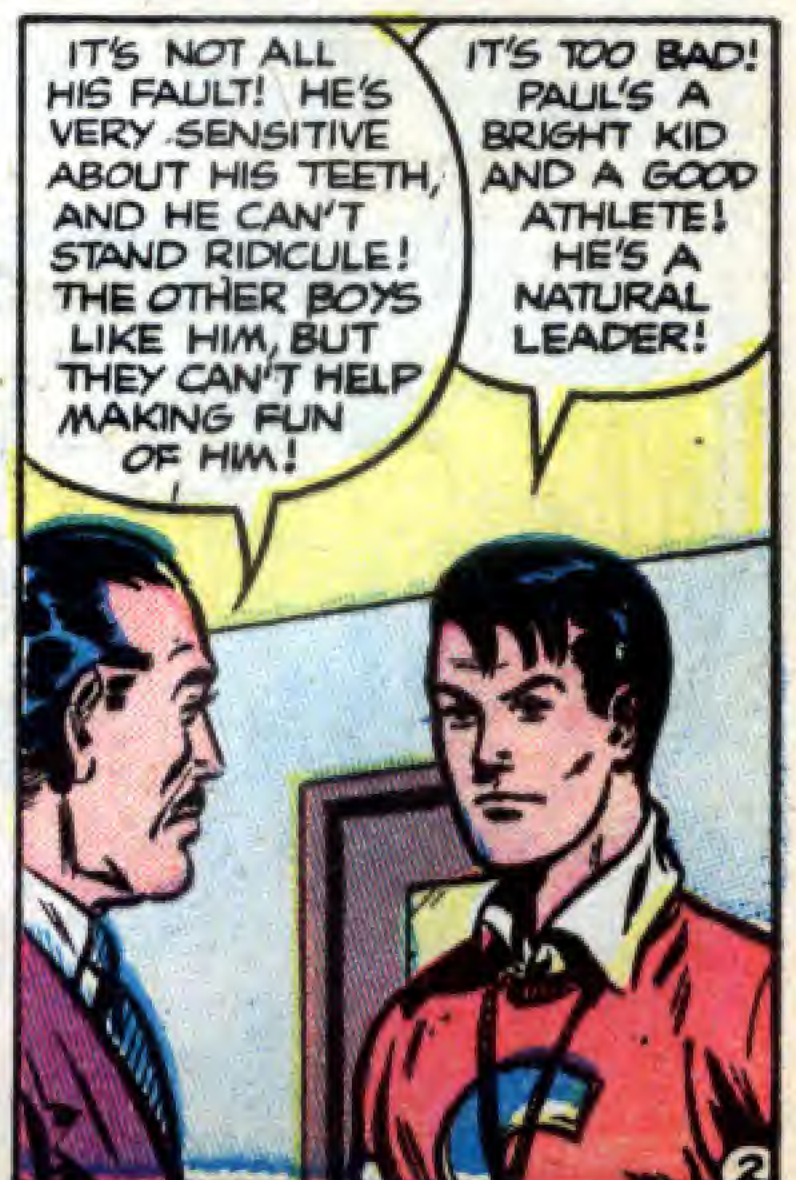
WAIT'LL I GET YOU OUTSIDE!



I'M SICK OF THIS CRUMMY PANTYWAIST CLUB, ANYWAY! I QUIT!

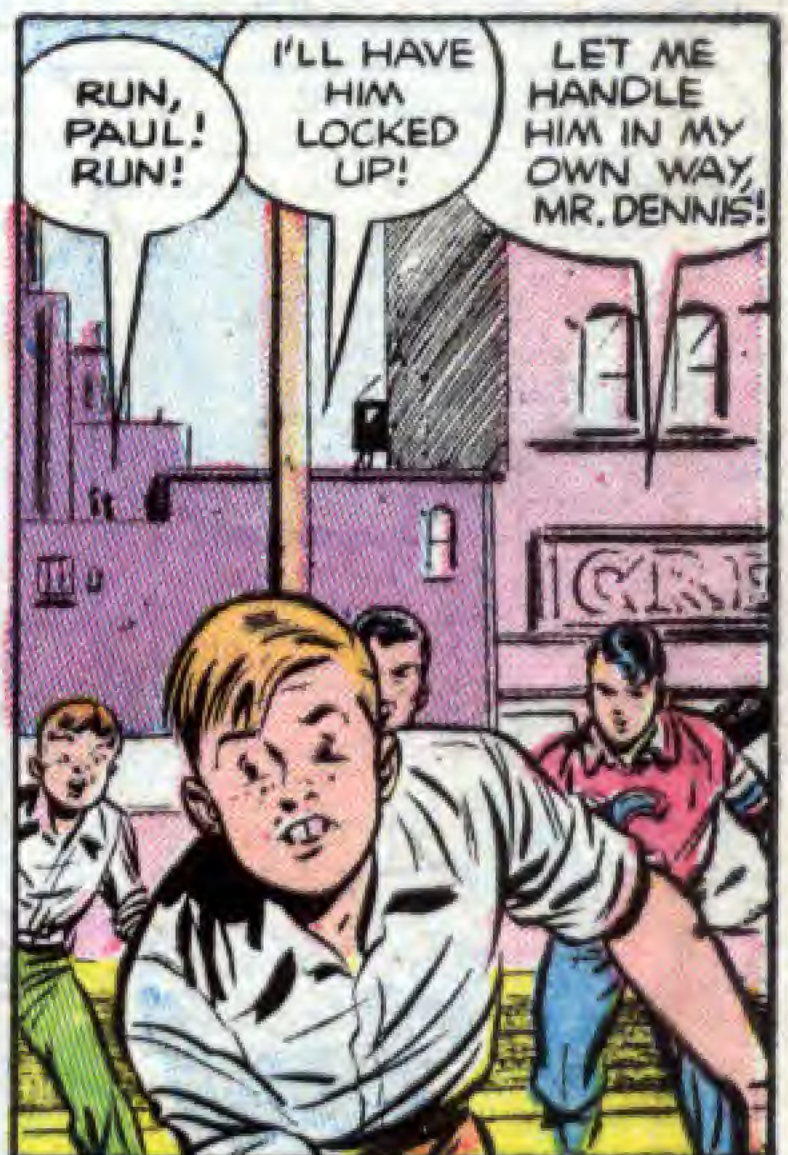
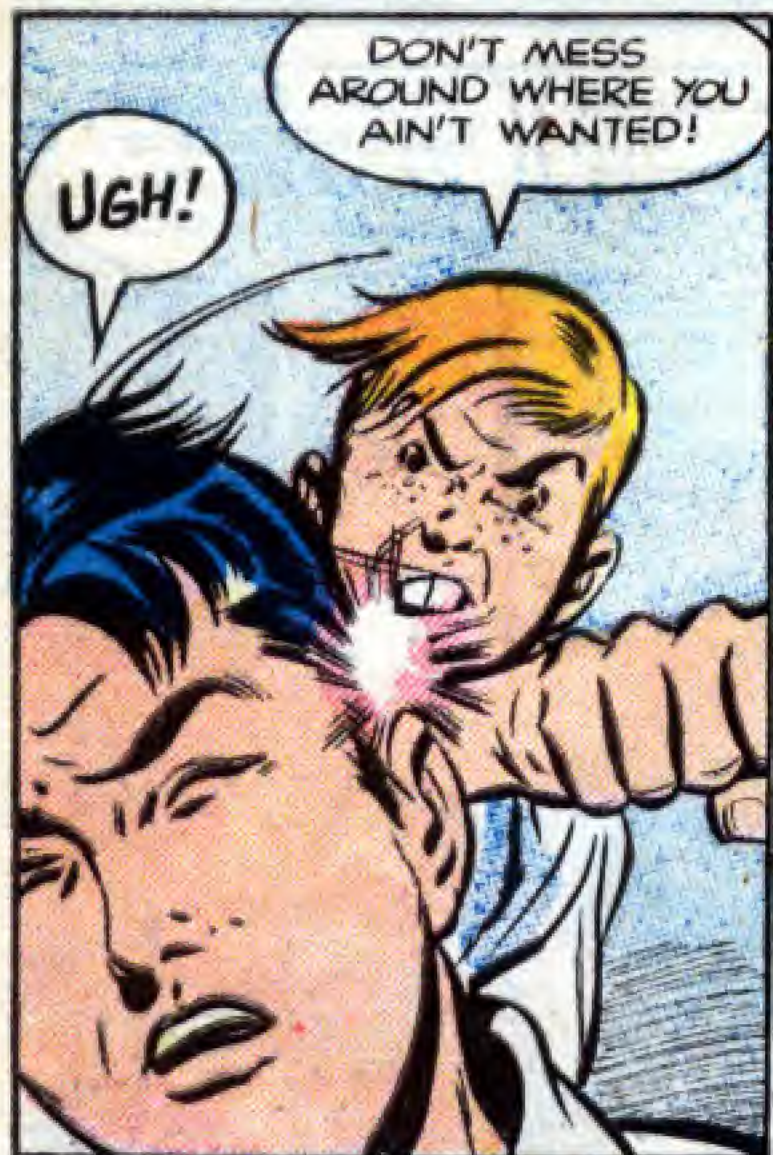
WAIT, PAUL!

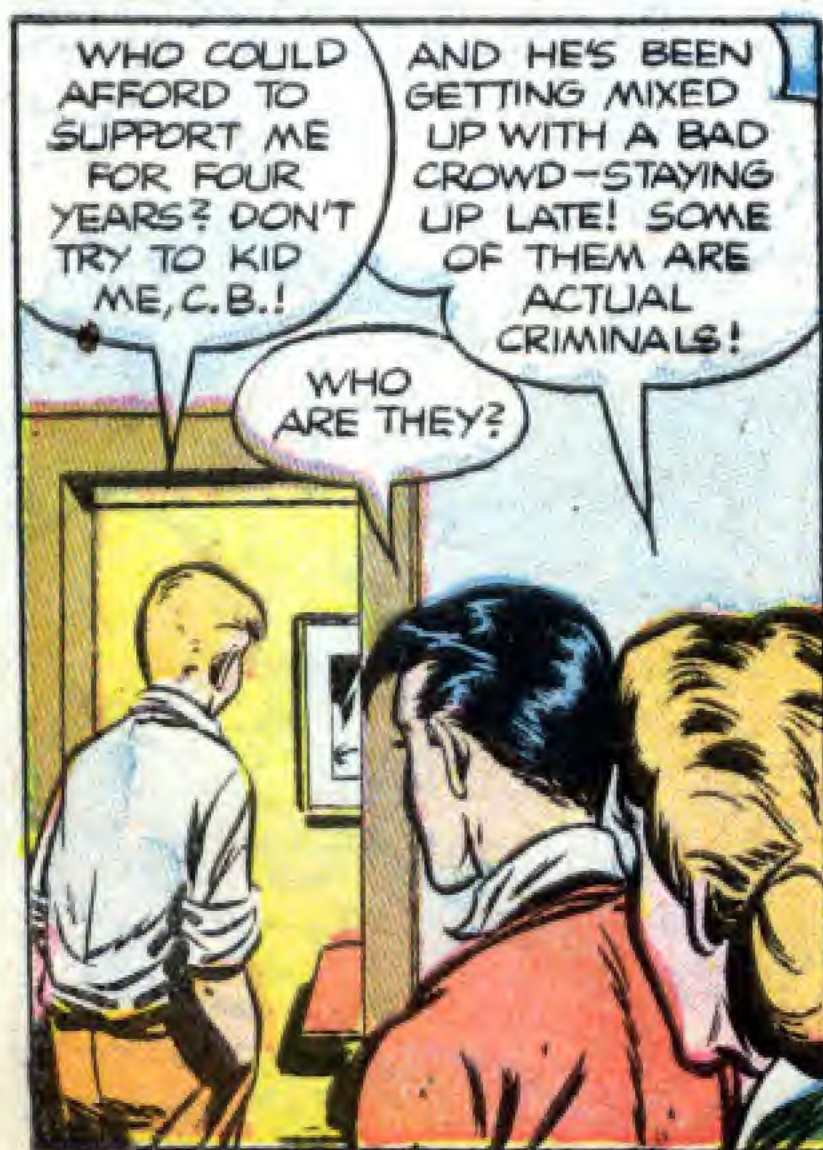
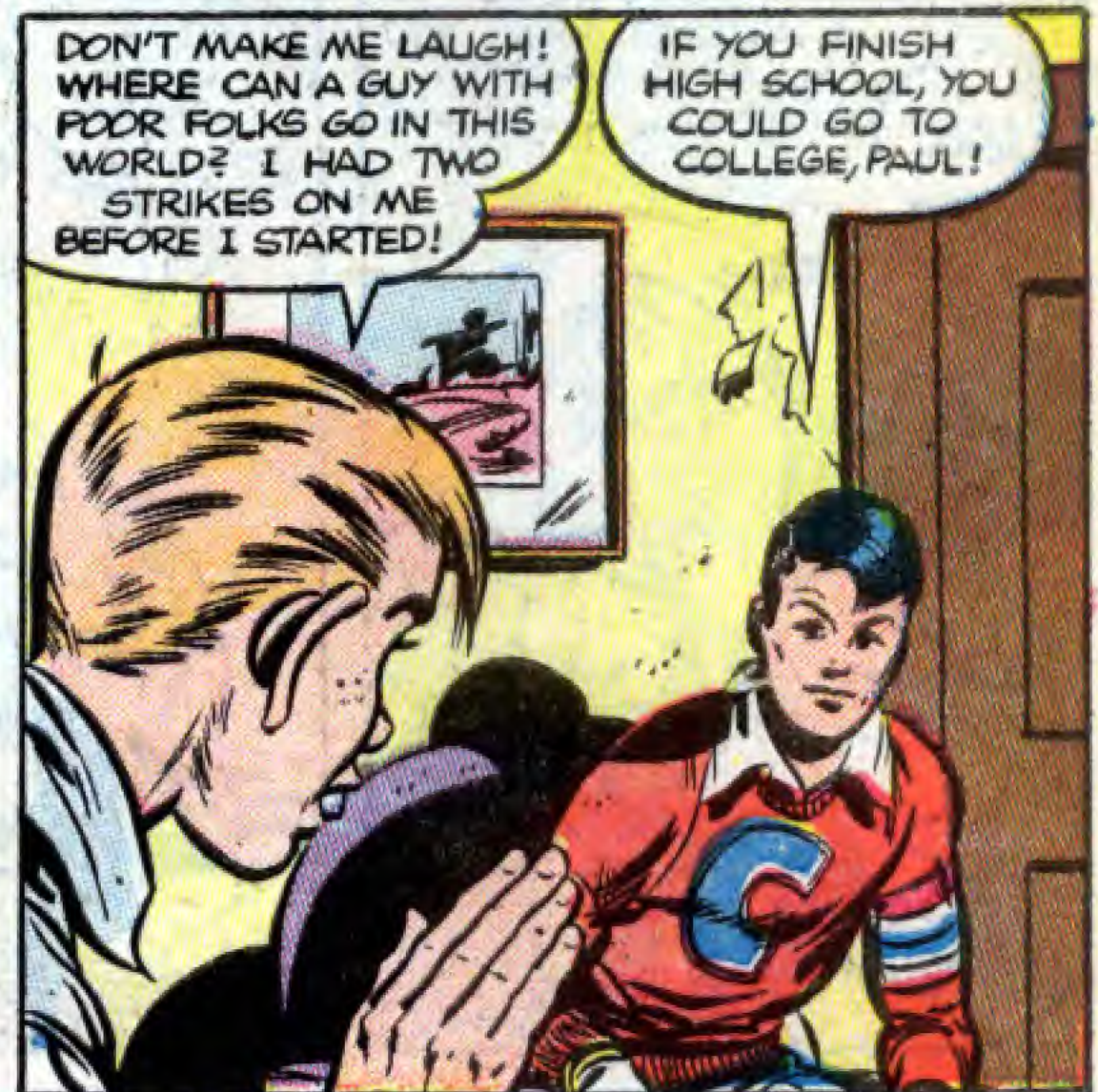
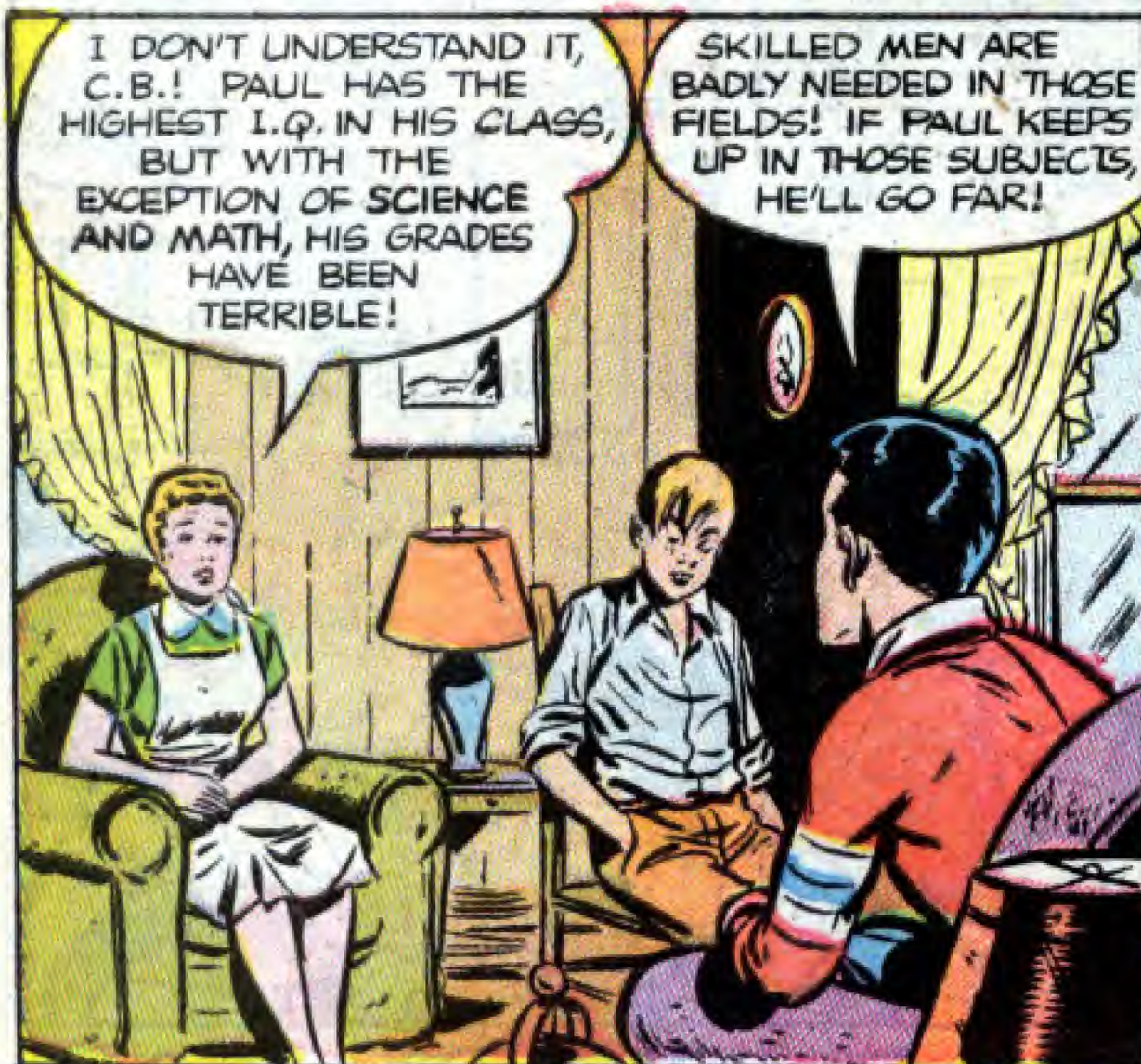
LET HIM GO, CRIMEBUSTER!



IT'S NOT ALL HIS FAULT! HE'S VERY SENSITIVE ABOUT HIS TEETH, AND HE CAN'T STAND RIDICULE! THE OTHER BOYS LIKE HIM, BUT THEY CAN'T HELP MAKING FUN OF HIM!

IT'S TOO BAD! PAUL'S A BRIGHT KID AND A GOOD ATHLETE! HE'S A NATURAL LEADER!







SO YOU WANNA TIE IN WITH US, PAUL! YOU'RE A SHARP KID, BUT NOT SAVVY ENOUGH FOR OUR FAST COMPANY!

SINCE WHEN DO YOU DECIDE THINGS FOR DUKE?

LOOK! HERE COMES DUKE NOW! LET'S ASK HIM!

THAT'S RIGHT! DUKE PUT HIS OKAY ON PAUL!



THAT'S PAUL—THE BOY WITH THE BUCK TEETH!

WHAT A MEAN LOOKING BUNCH OF ROUGH-NECKS!

HOW DO YOU LIKE THE CRATE?

WHERE'D YOU GET IT, DUKE? I THOUGHT YOU WASN'T WORKIN'!



SHUT UP, YOU STUPE!

TAKE US FOR A RIDE, HUH, DUKE?

OKAY, HOP IN!



CAN I GO, TOO, DUKE? YOU SAID YOU LIKED ME, DIDN'T YOU, DUKE?

I TOLD HIM TO GROW UP AN' THEN COME AROUND! HE'S TOO GREEN FOR OUR CROWD!

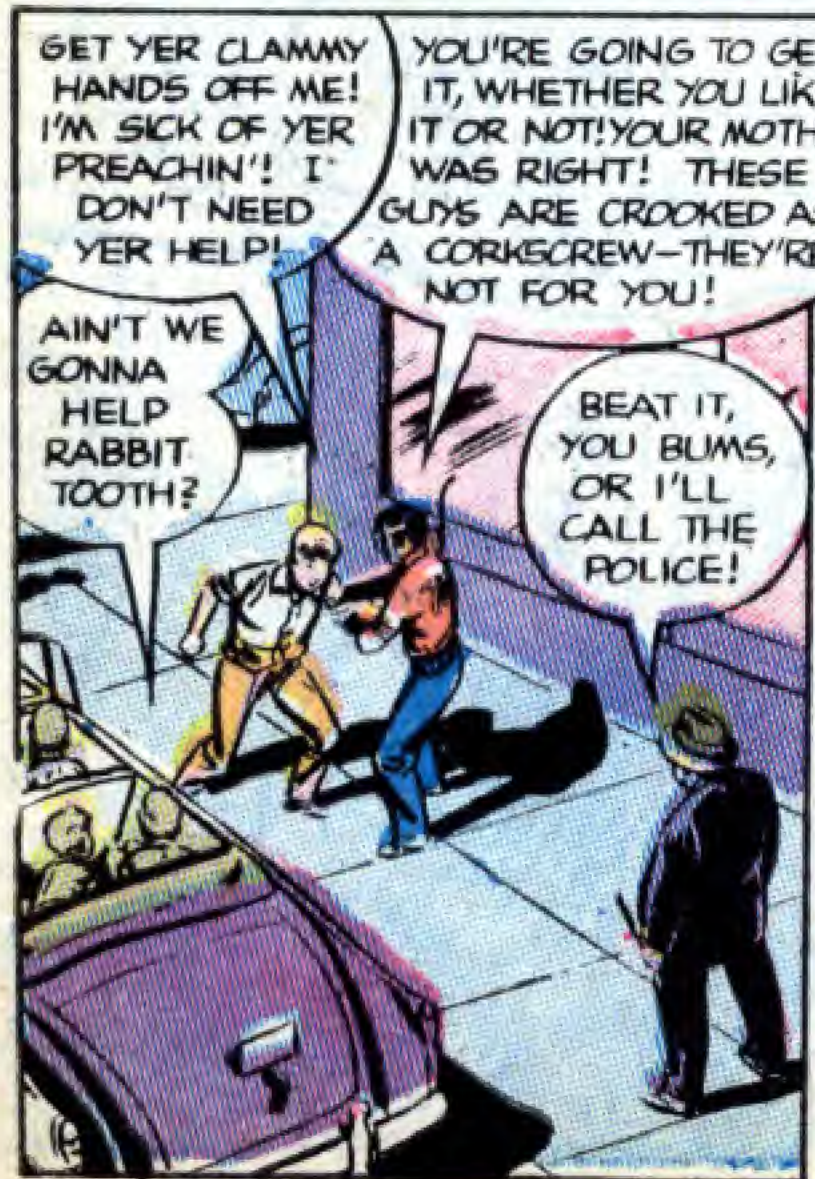
I'LL DECIDE THAT! SURE, RABBIT TOOTH, GET IN!



AW, DUKE, PLEASE DON'T CALL ME THAT NAME, HUH?

YOU'RE NOT GOING, PAUL!

I'LL CALL YOU WHAT I WANT! COME ON, IF YOU'RE COMIN'!



GET YER CLAMMY HANDS OFF ME! I'M SICK OF YER PREACHIN'! I DON'T NEED YER HELP!

YOU'RE GOING TO GET IT, WHETHER YOU LIKE IT OR NOT! YOUR MOTHER WAS RIGHT! THESE GUYS ARE CROOKED AS A CORKSCREW—THEY'RE NOT FOR YOU!

BEAT IT, YOU BUMS, OR I'LL CALL THE POLICE!



THEY'LL ALL END UP IN JAIL...DO YOU WANT TO GO WITH 'EM?

I GOTTA HAVE SOME FRIENDS, DON'T I? THE GUYS LIKE ME AROUND FOR BASKET-BALL, BUT YOU DON'T SEE 'EM ASKIN' ME TO THEIR PARTIES! AN' THE GIRLS JUST LAUGH AT ME!

MAYBE THEY'RE TRUANT OFFICERS OR SOMETHIN'!



THAT'S BECAUSE YOU ACT SO TOUGH, PAUL! YOU WON'T LET ANYBODY BE FRIENDS WITH YOU!

DON'T HAND ME THAT LINE! IT'S MY BUCK TEETH! THEY MAKE ME LOOK LIKE A GOOF! YOU HEARD 'EM! RABBIT TOOTH! NOBODY CAN CHANGE THAT!



YOU'RE WRONG AGAIN!
IF YOU'LL GO TO 10 LAWRENCE
STREET AT TWO O'CLOCK
TOMORROW, I'LL HELP A
SMALL MIRACLE TO
HAPPEN!

WHY?
WHAT'S
THERE?



YOU'LL FIND
OUT WHEN
YOU GET THERE!
WILL YOU GO?

I DON'T
KNOW...



THAT'S THE
ADDRESS OF THE
MC CREEDY DENTAL
CLINIC! ARE YOU
GOING TO HAVE
HIS TEETH STRAIGHTENED?
AND DO YOU THINK
HE'LL SHOW UP
THERE?

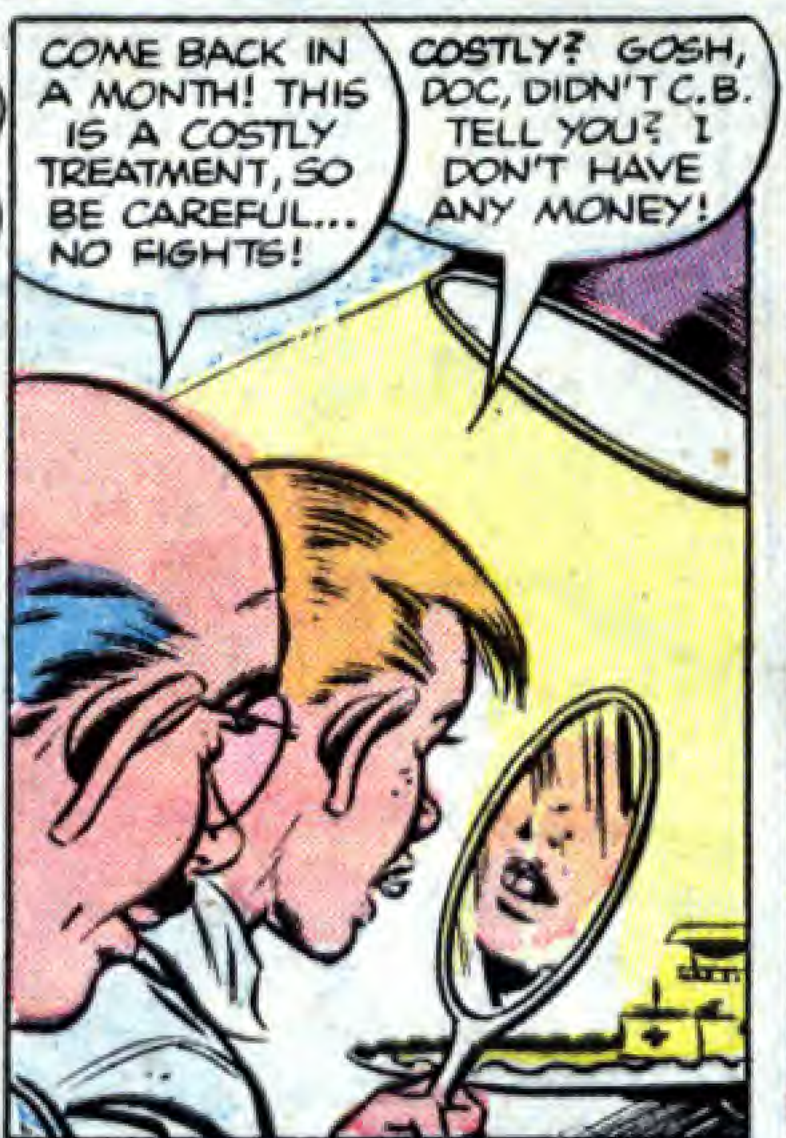
YES...AND I'M
GOING TO
STRAIGHTEN
OUT A FEW
OTHER
THINGS,
TOO!

CRIMEBUSTER WAS RIGHT-PAUL DID
SHOW UP...



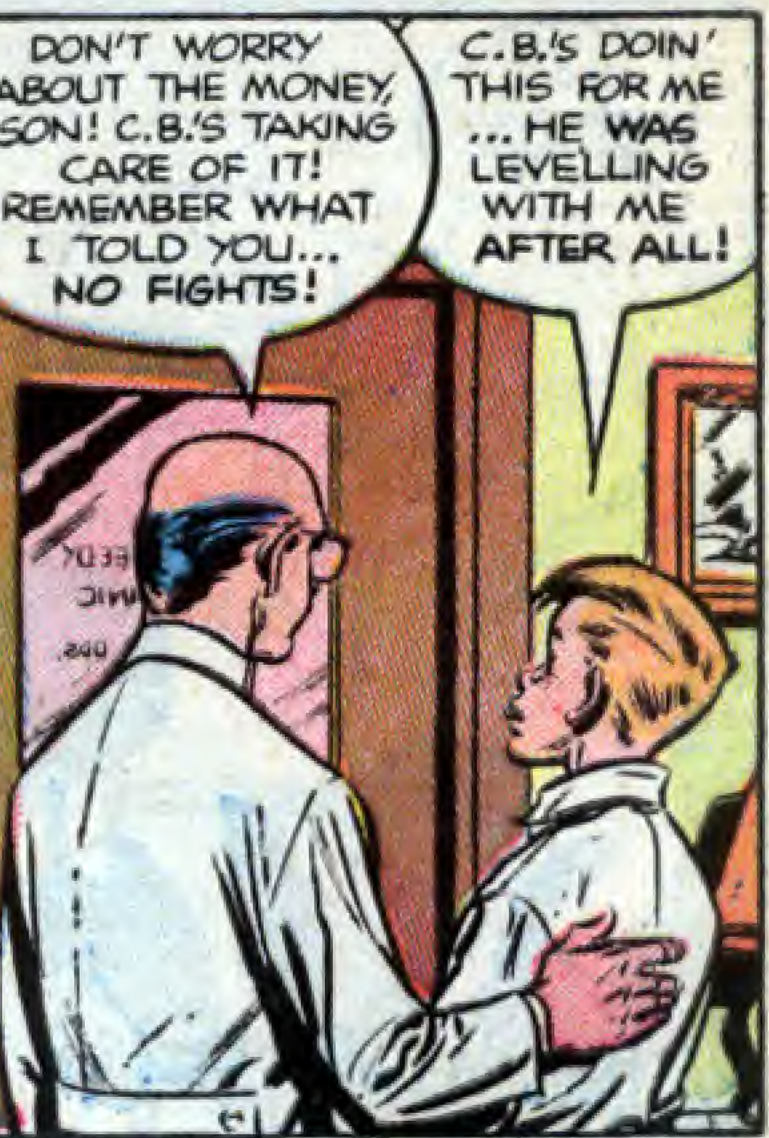
AAAIEEE!!

STEADY, SON! IT WON'T
BE LONG NOW...
STEADY...YOU'RE A
GOOD
PATIENT!



COME BACK IN
A MONTH! THIS
IS A COSTLY
TREATMENT, SO
BE CAREFUL...
NO FIGHTS!

COSTLY? GOSH,
DOC, DIDN'T C.B.
TELL YOU? I
DON'T HAVE
ANY MONEY!



DON'T WORRY
ABOUT THE MONEY,
SON! C.B.'S TAKING
CARE OF IT!
REMEMBER WHAT
I TOLD YOU...
NO FIGHTS!

C.B.'S DOIN'
THIS FOR ME
... HE WAS
LEVELLING
WITH ME
AFTER ALL!



LOOKIT, FELLAS!
RABBIT TOOTH'S
WIRED FOR
SOUND!

CAN YOU GET
CHANNEL FOUR
ON 'EM,
RABBIT TOOTH?

YOU'RE
ASKIN' FOR
TROUBLE!



HE DON'T LIKE BEIN'
CALLED RABBIT
TOOTH! WATCH OUT-
HE'S TOUGH!

HE WOULDN'T
WANTA HURT
THEM PURTY
TEETH! DID THEY
FIND GOLD IN
THEM TEETH,
RABBIT?

I'M GONNA
PLASTER
YOU ALL
ONE...



HE DIDN'T SAY NOTHIN'! JUST TURNS AN' WALKS OFF! HE'S EITHER CHICKEN OR LOONY!

AHH...WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH ME? I'D TAKE A CHANCE ON BUSTIN' THESE BRACES! I OWE SOMETHING TO C.B.!



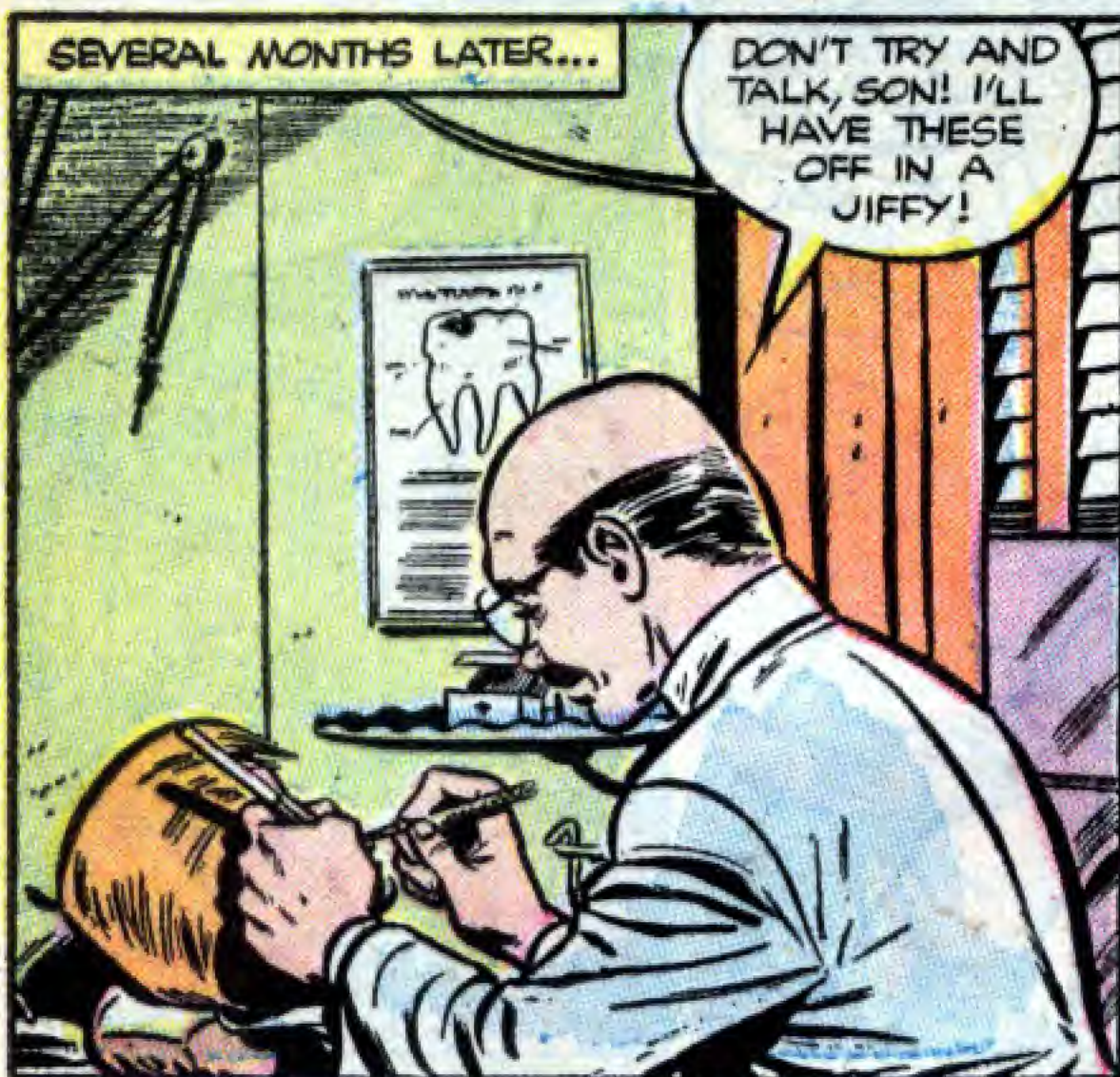
WILL THEY REALLY BE LIKE OTHER KIDS? I WON'T HAFTA PUT MY HAND IN FRONT OF MY MOUTH WHEN I LAUGH NO MORE?

THAT'S RIGHT, PAUL! YOU'LL BE PROUD OF THEM!



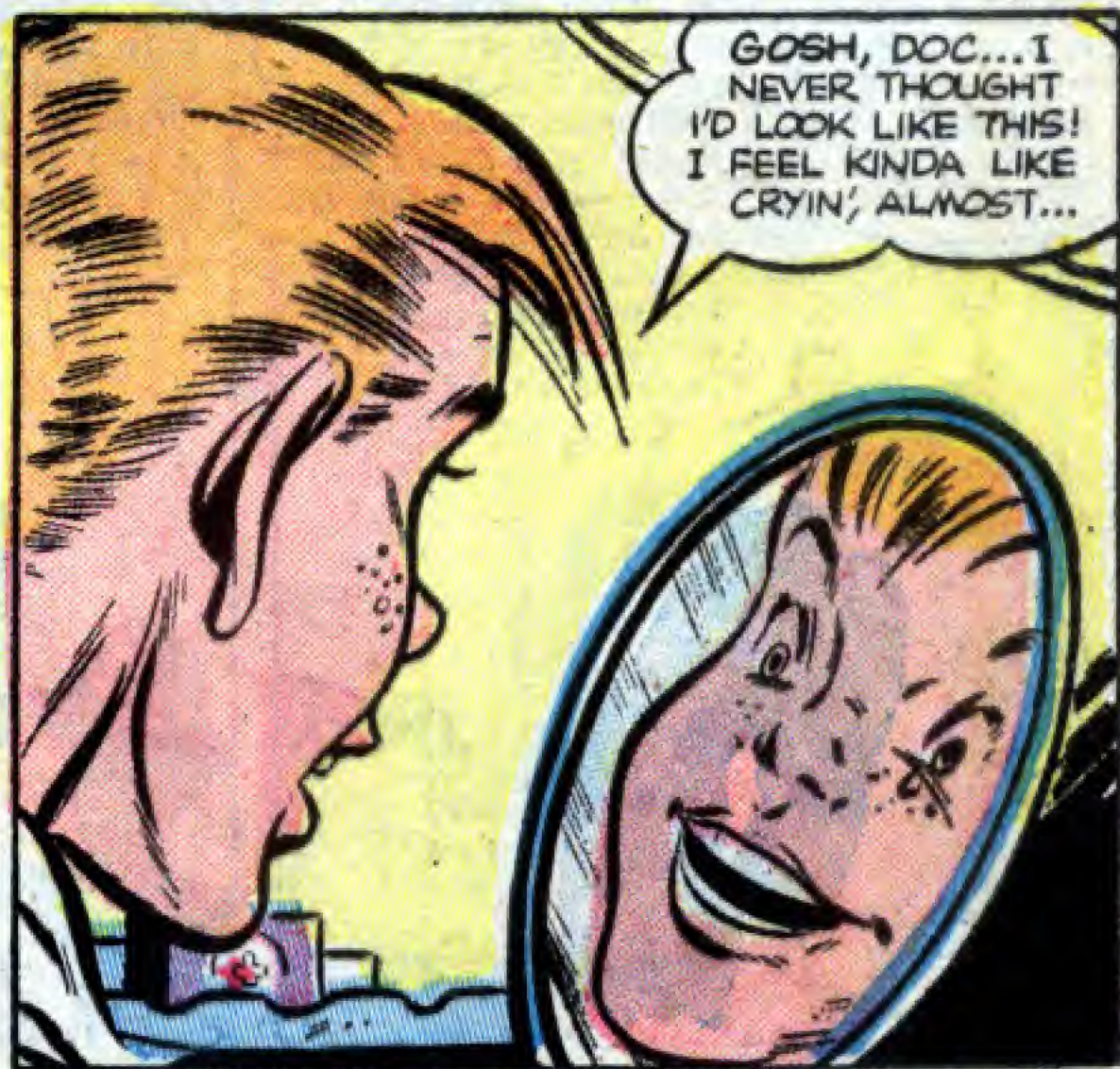
I CAN'T GIVE YOU NO MONEY, BUT I GOTTA DO SOMETHING FOR YOU! NAME IT, C.B... ANYTHING!

WAIT TILL YOUR BRACES ARE OFF, AND YOU'RE SURE I STEERED YOU STRAIGHT! I'LL TELL YOU WHAT YOU CAN DO THEN!

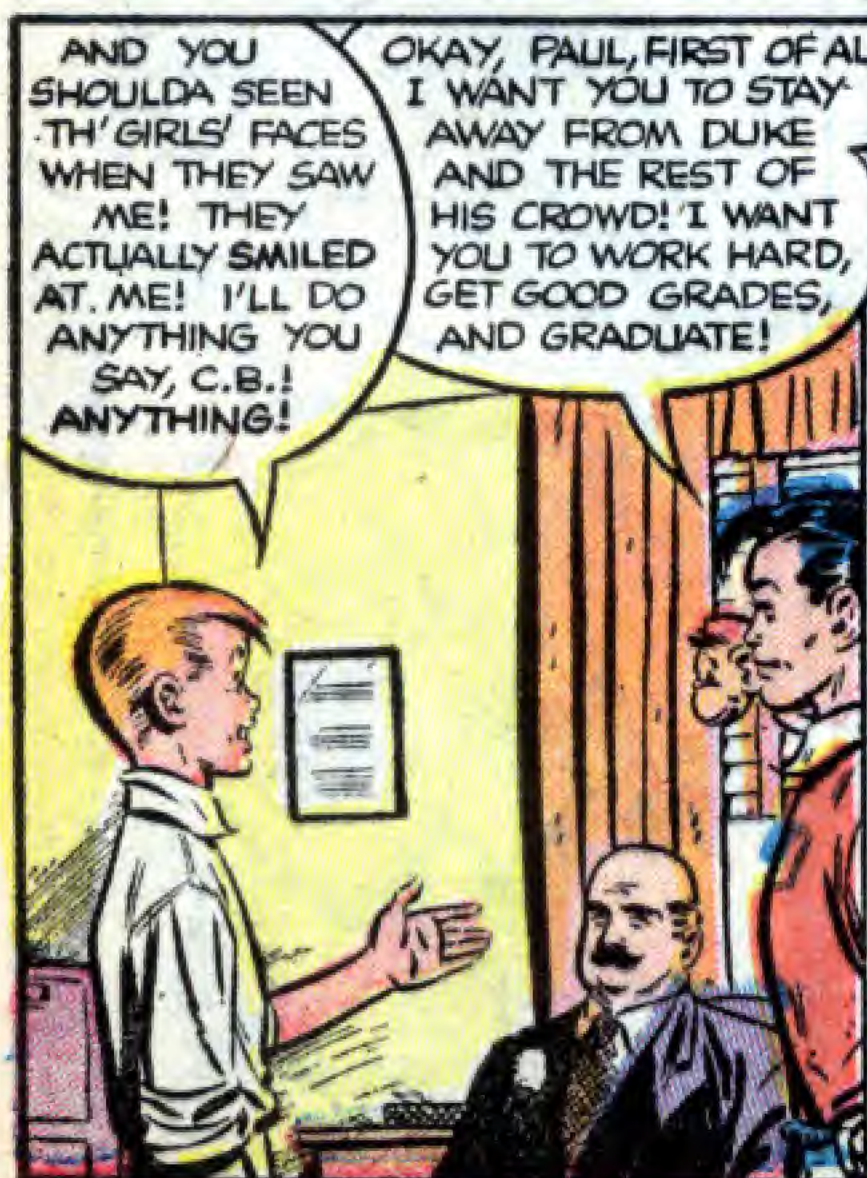


SEVERAL MONTHS LATER...

DON'T TRY AND TALK, SON! I'LL HAVE THESE OFF IN A JIFFY!



GOSH, DOC...I NEVER THOUGHT I'D LOOK LIKE THIS! I FEEL KINDA LIKE CRYIN', ALMOST...



AND YOU SHOULDA SEEN TH' GIRLS' FACES WHEN THEY SAW ME! THEY ACTUALLY SMILED AT ME! I'LL DO ANYTHING YOU SAY, C.B. ANYTHING!

OKAY, PAUL, FIRST OF ALL, I WANT YOU TO STAY AWAY FROM DUKE AND THE REST OF HIS CROWD! I WANT YOU TO WORK HARD, GET GOOD GRADES, AND GRADUATE!



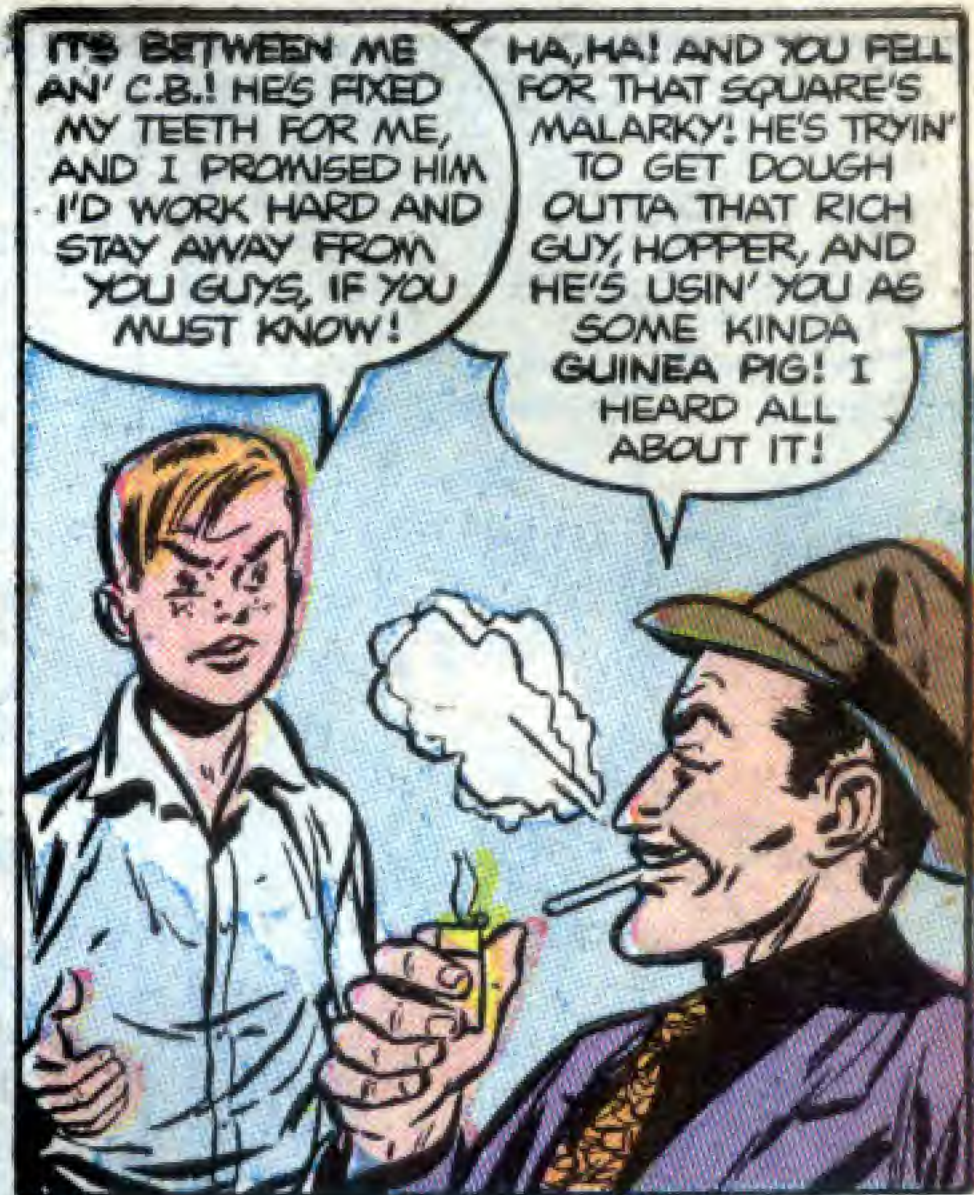
THAT'S A TOUGH ORDER, C.B., BUT I'LL DO MY BEST! YOU CAN BE SURE OF THAT!

I KNOW YOU WILL, PAUL! GOOD LUCK!



I WOULDN'T HAVE BELIEVED SUCH A CHANGE POSSIBLE, C.B. BUT THIS STILL DOESN'T GUARANTEE THAT HE'LL STAY GOOD!

THE NEXT MONTHS WILL TELL! THOSE HOODS WILL TRY TO GET HIM SOLIDLY INTO THEIR GANG NOW FOR SURE!





PAUL,
YOU'RE
BACK!

YEAH...I WANT IN
ON YOUR NEXT
HEIST, DUKE! TH'
SOONER THE
BETTER!



IT'S A STORAGE JOB! WE GOT
THE TRUCKS LINED UP AND
WE'LL BUST IN AROUND TWO,
KONK THE WATCHMAN AND
STRIP THE JOINT! WE'LL BE
ACROSS THE STATE LINE
BEFORE THEY KNOW
WHAT HIT 'EM!



DO WE HAFTA
SLUG THE OLD
GUY? I COULD
JUST GRAB
HIM AND TIE
'IM UP!

NO! HE MIGHT REMEMBER
US, OR YELL OR SOMETHIN'!
I'LL HANDLE HIM...JUST
WATCH ME AN' YOU'LL
SEE HOW IT'S DONE!



HEY, NOT THAT
HARD, DUKE—
YOU MIGHTA'
KILLED HIM!

IT'S HIM
OR US,
AIN'T IT? SO
SHUT UP!

KLUNK!



C'MON,
KID!
WHAT'RE
YOU
DOIN'?

THIS IS ALL WRONG!
I KNOW IT'S WRONG!
C.B.'S PLAYED SQUARE
WITH ME SO FAR!
I CAN'T LET HIM
DOWN NOW!



I CHANGED MY MIND,
DUKE! I'M OUT—DON'T
WORRY—I
WON'T RAT
ON YOU!
HEY...

I SAID I
WOULDN'T
SQUEAL!

THAT'S TOO BAD,
KID, BUT IT'S TOO
LATE TO QUIT!
YOU KNOW TOO
MUCH!

CLICK!



YOU CHANGE
YOUR MIND TOO
OFTEN! I CAN'T
TRUST YOUR
PROMISES!

YIIII!!!
MY ARM!



YOU DIRTY
RAT!

WHAM!

AGH!

HEY! CUT IT OUT
YOU TWO OR
WE'LL ALL GET
PICKED UP!



I WAS RIGHT ALL THE TIME! WE SHOULDN'T HAVE LET THAT DOUBLE-TALKIN' SKUNK IN WITH US—LET'S GIVE IT TO HIM!



OKAY...WHICH ONE OF YOU GUYS WANTS TO BE FIRST? YOU MIGHT GET ME, BUT I'LL TAKE PLENTY OF GUYS WITH ME BEFORE YOU DO! C'MON, LET'S GO!



KEEP MOVING, UNLESS YOU WANT THIS!

WHY DON'T SOMEBODY JUMP 'IM? DO SOMETHING!

WHY DON'T YOU DO IT, IF YOU'RE SO BRAVE?



GIVE US A BREAK, PAUL! DRIVE US OFF, AND LET US GO, HUH, PAUL?

CALL THE POLICE, POP! I GOT 'EM ALL INSIDE THE VAN! EXCEPT THE ONE WHO SLUGGED YOU!

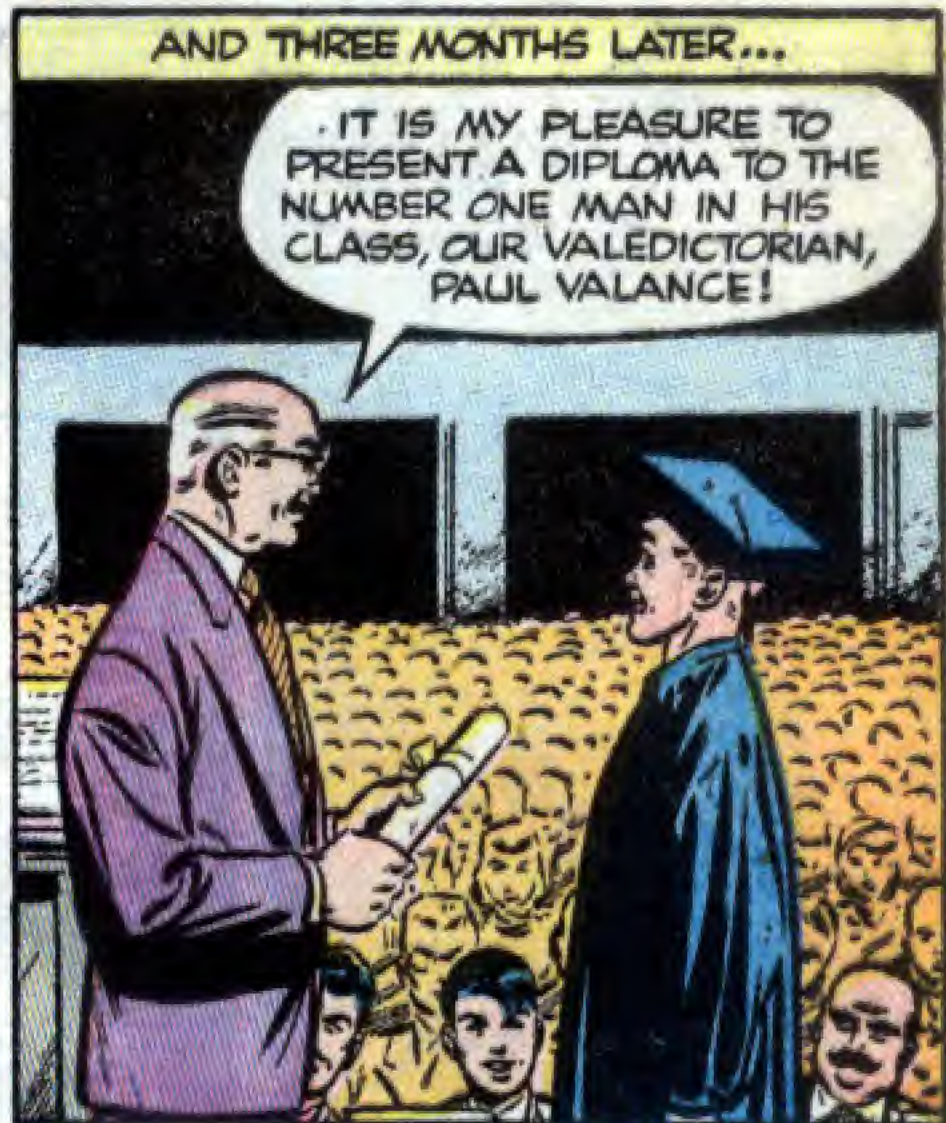
OH, YES, I FOUND HIM AND TIED HIM UP WHEN I SAW HIM COMING TO!



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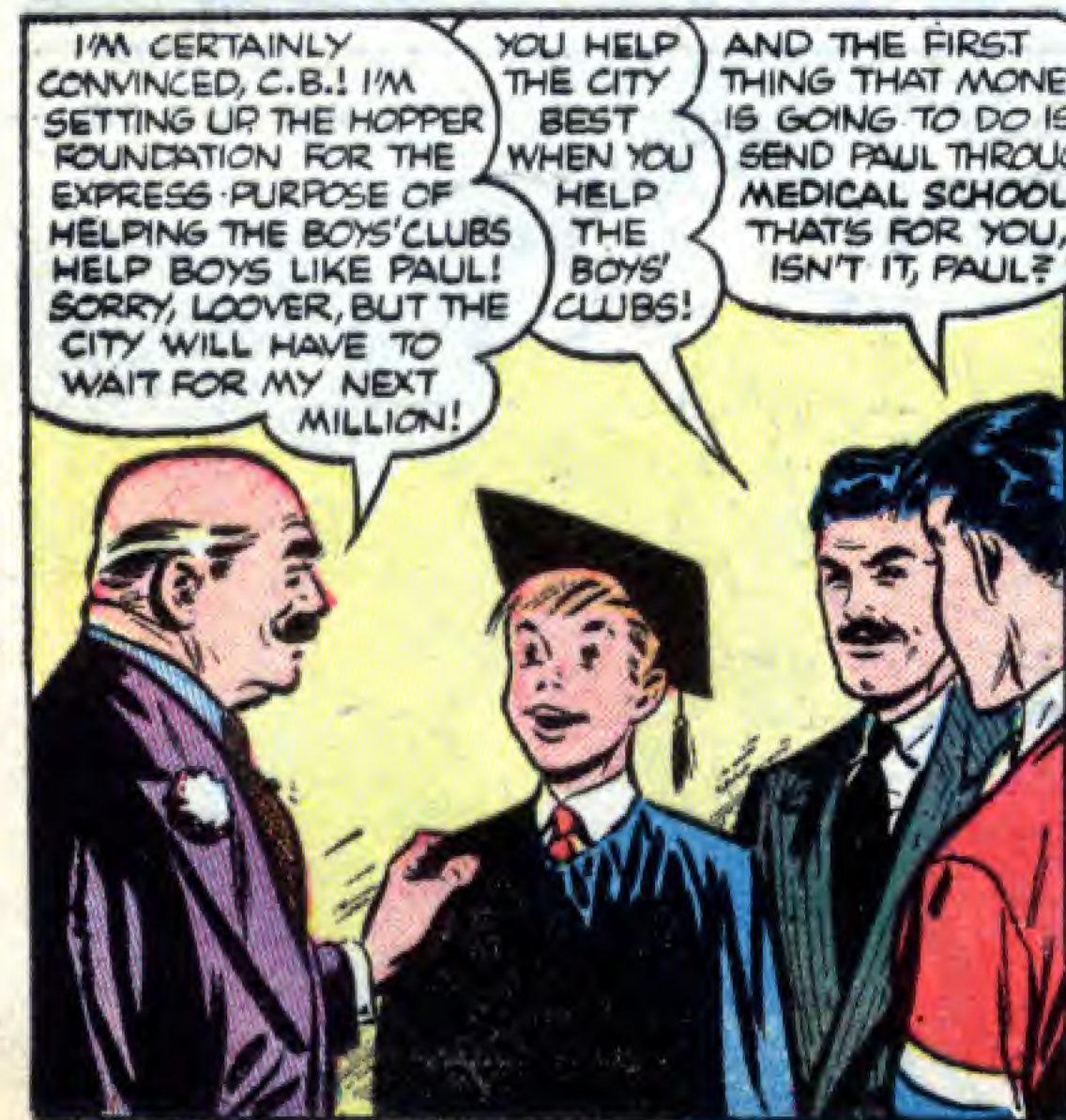
I'M PROUD OF YOU! WE ALL ARE!

AAHH...I DIDN'T DO ANYTHING!



AND THREE MONTHS LATER...

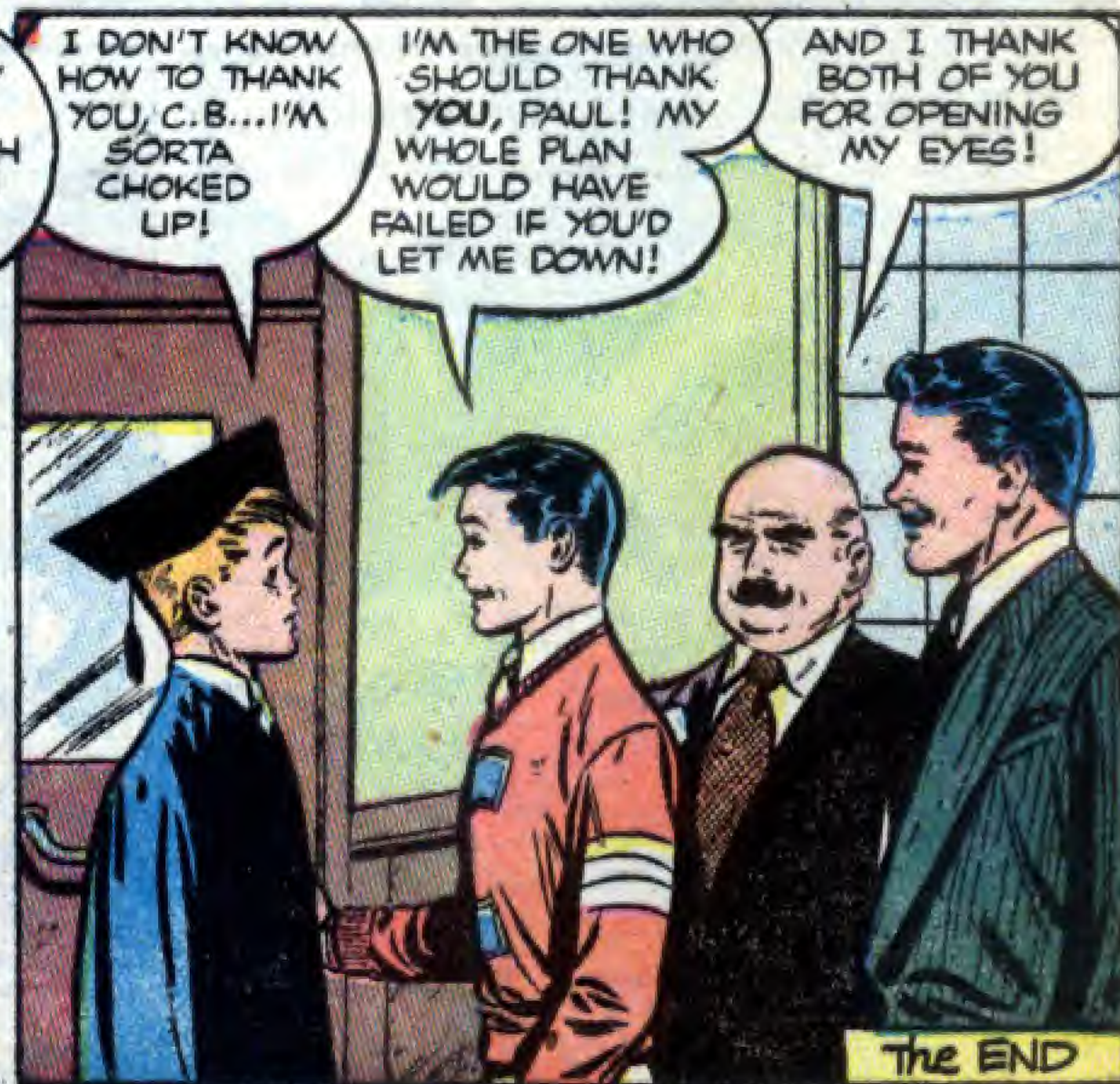
IT IS MY PLEASURE TO PRESENT A DIPLOMA TO THE NUMBER ONE MAN IN HIS CLASS, OUR VALEDICTORIAN, PAUL VALANCE!



I'M CERTAINLY CONVINCED, C.B.! I'M SETTING UP THE HOPPER FOUNDATION FOR THE EXPRESS PURPOSE OF HELPING THE BOYS' CLUBS HELP BOYS LIKE PAUL! SORRY, LOOVER, BUT THE CITY WILL HAVE TO WAIT FOR MY NEXT MILLION!

YOU HELP THE CITY BEST WHEN YOU HELP THE BOYS' CLUBS!

AND THE FIRST THING THAT MONEY IS GOING TO DO IS SEND PAUL THROUGH MEDICAL SCHOOL! THAT'S FOR YOU, ISN'T IT, PAUL?



I DON'T KNOW HOW TO THANK YOU, C.B....I'M SORTA CHOKED UP!

I'M THE ONE WHO SHOULD THANK YOU, PAUL! MY WHOLE PLAN WOULD HAVE FAILED IF YOU'D LET ME DOWN!

AND I THANK BOTH OF YOU FOR OPENING MY EYES!

The END

ONE-MAN ARMIES

MANY OF OUR CONGRESSIONAL MEDAL OF HONOR WINNERS ARE IN THIS CATEGORY. OUR HISTORY BULGES WITH ALMOST UNBELIEVABLE EXAMPLES OF BRILLIANCE AND COURAGE, SUCCESSFULLY DISPLAYED BY ONE MAN AGAINST FORCES MANY TIMES THAT OF HIS OWN. HERE ARE SOME VERY UNUSUAL EXAMPLES OF ONE-MAN ARMIES THAT PROVE IT ISN'T THE SIZE OF YOUR ARMY, BUT THE WAY YOU DEPLOY YOUR TROOPS THAT COUNTS.



When the Germans attacked on Anzio, the battered remnants of an American military unit were ordered to retreat. A twenty-year-old PFC of Spring Mount, Pa., decided against the order. While his comrades moved to the rear, he covered their withdrawal with bursts of gunfire that bowled over the lines of the Nazi soldiers, until he ran out of ammunition. Then he moved back, took more ammunition from the body of a fallen American, and resumed the battle. When he finally withdrew, the Army credited him with sixty enemy dead. The youth was later awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor for his display of bravery under fire.

BRING 'EM BACK ALIVE.

In 1944, during World War II, a tech sergeant from Texas, captured 300 fully armed German soldiers single handed, in the tunnel of a cliff near Brest, France. The sergeant and eight other G.I.'s had entered the tunnel together, when they unexpectedly came upon the German troops. The sergeant called to the troops to surrender, at the same time knocking a cigar out of the mouth of the German nearest him. His quick action startled the Germans and convinced them that he had full control of the situation. The enemy officers and troops were herded into a double file and marched to the allied lines, where they were turned over to the proper authorities. The Texas sergeant's eight companions had been separated from him when they entered the tunnel, leaving him to carry out the capture entirely unaided.

HILL BILLY VALOUR.

When the United States entered World War I, a young mountain boy living in Pall Mall, Tennessee, believed that it was unjust for human beings to kill each other needlessly. He was so sincere in his belief that he sat down and wrote a personal letter to President Wilson asking to be exempt from military service as a conscientious objector. His request was refused by the War Department. During the battle of the Argonne forest, the young mountaineer succeeded in taking single-handed 132 German prisoners, whom he delivered into the hands of the proper military authorities. For this outstanding feat he was decorated with the Medal of Honor and received the acclaim and plaudits of millions of admirers throughout the world.



BULLETLESS CAPTURE

In World War II, a private from Waco, Texas, alone and unaided, captured thirty-four Germans. After he had marched his captive soldiers to a prisoner of war enclosure, the private discovered that his rifle was not in working order.



A five-foot, three-inch, Canadian was rejected by the air force because of his size, and joined the infantry. He proved as potent a destroyer of the German Army as any airman. Singlehanded, he captured 161 of the enemy in a Normandy battle. His adventure began when he captured six Germans while driving a captured amphibious car. When told there were more Germans in a nearby wood, he immediately drove toward the designated spot. Once there he cut loose with a burst of fire from his gun, and twenty-five Germans shouted

"Surrender"! Continuing his search, he rounded up sixty more. After sending his prisoners to the rear, the infantry private encountered an armored car accompanied by two other vehicles, carrying seventy Germans in all. Jumping into the armored car, he ordered the crew to surrender and then personally escorted this last group of captives back to his own lines.

MARINES IN ACTION

A single marine sergeant killed ninety Japanese in forty-five minutes in Tinian, in the Mariana Islands in 1944. The sergeant, a resident of Portland, Oregon, was awarded the Silver Star Medal for the deed which occurred during a Japanese counter attack.

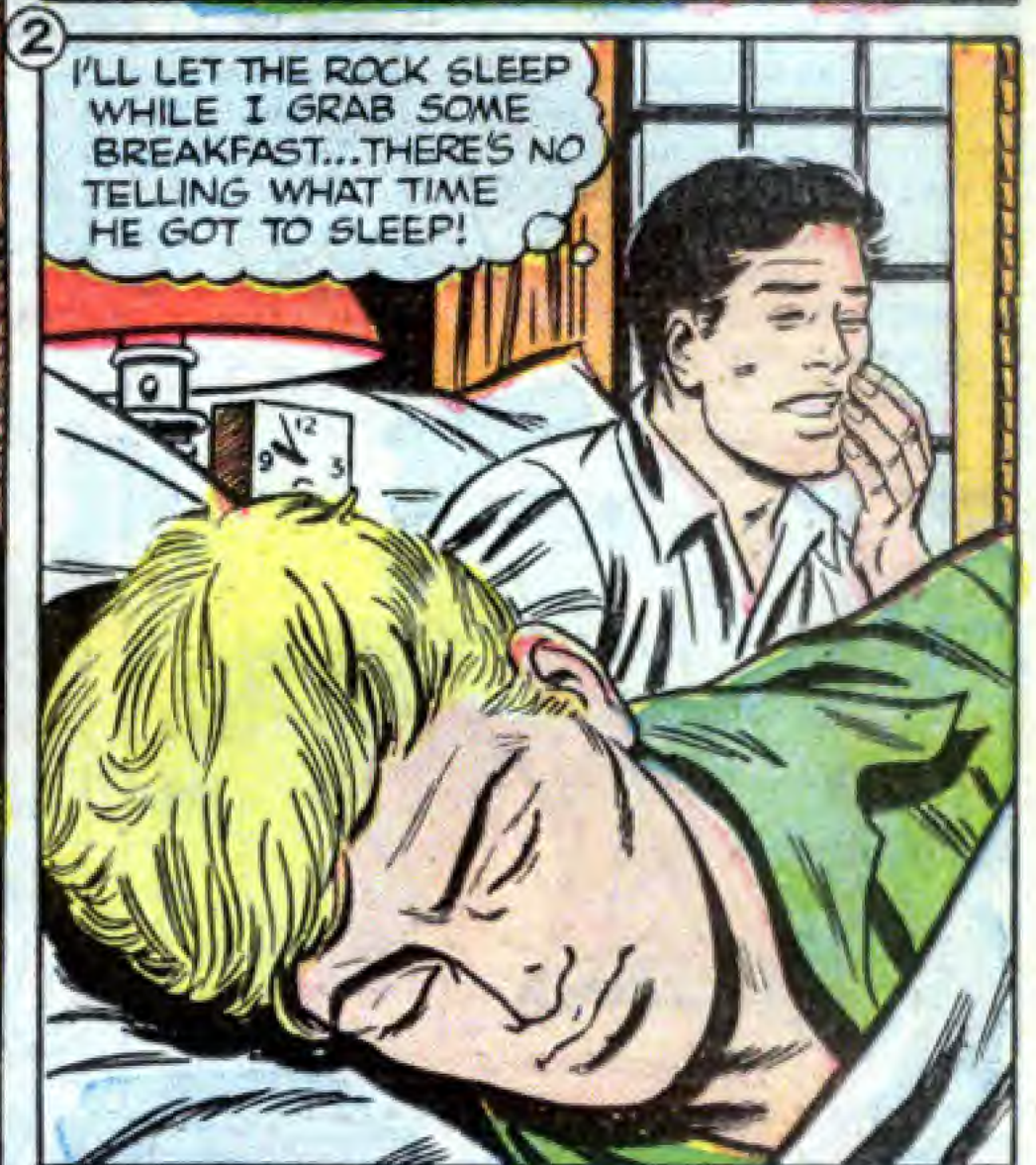
While riding along a road in a captured German vehicle, an infantry sergeant from Elmhurst, New York, absent-mindedly made a wrong turn and suddenly came upon a fifty-ton enemy tank and fifteen soldiers. The American was quickly taken prisoner and marched to headquarters. The incident, however, occurred at a time when the Germans themselves were encircled by the Allied troops, and were looking for an escape route. The sergeant sized up the situation and went to work on a plan of escape. He got a German soldier to talk two guards into helping him. At the first chance the two German soldiers killed two other guards and the American took charge. He raced across a field leading other prisoners and such German soldiers as were met and overpowered on the way. As he looked back he noticed that his little army was steadily growing larger. What was happening was that as he passed through the fields little groups of hopelessly surrounded German soldiers just tagged on to his "army" thinking it the safest way to surrender. By the time the American lines were reached, it was found that the number of prisoners had increased from the original twenty-two to over 500 men. The New York sergeant was proclaimed a hero.



ROCKY X

in "STRAIGHT FROM THE DRAGON'S MOUTH"

AFTER FAILING TO STEAL THE PLANS FOR THE ENEMY'S EARDRUM-DESTROYING MACHINE, ROCKY AND SIMPY WERE ORDERED BACK TO THE STATES! BUT, REFUSING TO ADMIT DEFEAT, ROCKY WAS DETERMINED TO TRY AGAIN-KNOWING THAT THE ENEMY WAS WATCHING HIS EVERY MOVE! DESPITE HIS ALERTNESS, HE WAS NOT READY FOR THE ADVANCES OF A GORGEOUS BRUNETTE!





SUGAR FOR THE SWEET -

THANK YOU... OH, HOW CLUMSY! NOW I'VE SPILLED MY COFFEE!

WON'T YOU COME TO MY TABLE?

SIMPY MADE A NEW FRIEND SURPRISINGLY FAST...

THE ALL CHINA COMPANY HAS NO IDEA WHAT HAPPENED TO MY HUSBAND B...BUT I...I CAN'T BELIEVE HE'S STILL ALIVE! THIS IS A BAD CITY TO BE ALONE IN!

GEE, I'M SURE SORRY, MISS MARKHAM! SAY-I'M SORT OF ALONE MYSELF...COULD WE GET TOGETHER AGAIN?

AS A RULE I DON'T TRUST STRANGERS! BUT... I TRUST YOU! I WILL BE AT HOME AT FIVE THIS AFTERNOON!

THAT'S ALL I WANT TO KNOW!



YOU'RE A PRIZE CHUMP! YOU GO AND FALL FOR THAT PHONY LINE AFTER ALL I TOLD YOU? FOR PETE'S SAKE, SIMPY-WHEN ARE YOU GONNA WISE UP?

I THINK YOU'RE TOO SUSPICIOUS! I'LL CALL THE ALL CHINA COMPANY AND PROVE IT!



I'M SORRY, SIR, BUT WE'VE NEVER HAD AN ALBERT MARKHAM IN OUR EMPLOY!

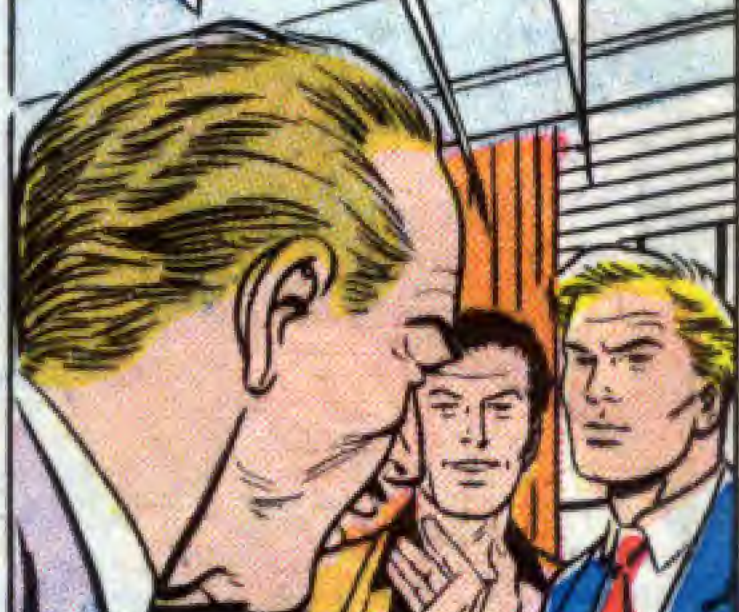
MAYBE WE'LL KEEP THAT DATE, ANYWAY! LET'S GO SEE OUR CONTACT WITH OUR CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE!

AW, NUTS! YOU WERE RIGHT, ROCKY!

THIS DATE SHOULD DEFINITELY BE KEPT! WE CAN LEARN A LOT ABOUT WHAT THEY KNOW BY THE QUESTIONS THEY ASK YOU!

OH BOY, OH BOY, LET ME AT THAT WOMAN AGAIN!

SIMPY-I DON'T THINK YOU'RE EMOTIONALLY NEUTRAL ENOUGH TO HANDLE THIS SHE WOLF!



I'M SORRY, ELENA, BUT I JUST GOT TRAVEL ORDERS! LISTEN, MY BUDDY, ROCKY, WOULD LIKE TO COME IN MY PLACE, IF THAT'S OKAY! HE'S A GREAT GUY! HE'LL EXPLAIN!

THAT'S TOO BAD, SIMPY! I DON'T KNOW YOUR FRIEND, BUT IF YOU SAY HE'S ALL RIGHT, I'LL BE GLAD TO MEET HIM!

I'LL HAVE A C.I.A. MAN CLOSE TO YOU AT ALL TIMES, ROCKY!



HELLO! ARE YOU THERE? WE ARE IN LUCK! ROCKY X, HIMSELF IS COMING!

BE CAREFUL WITH THE DRUG! AN OVERDOSE WILL KILL HIM!



'ERE ISS LOCKY X, MISSY!

SIMPY...

IT'S A PLEASURE, ROCKY! I DIDN'T IMAGINE YOU'D BE SO HANDSOME! MAY I FIX YOU A DRINK?



YOUR TASTE IN DECOR IS EXCEEDED ONLY BY YOUR BEAUTY!

SHE SURE IS BEAUTIFUL! I WISH SHE WASN'T A BACK-STABBING SPY! IF I DRANK THIS, I'D GO OUT LIKE A COAL STOVE!



HOW NICE OF YOU TO SAY THAT!

I HOPE YOU AND I WILL BECOME GOOD FRIENDS!



WELL - HERE GOES NOTHING!

FEEL DIZZY! OOH... OHHH...

OKAY, BOYS - COME AND GET HIM!



GIVE OUT WITH THE CASH, BOYS! I DON'T MIND WHO I WORK FOR, BUT I EXPECT TO BE PAID ON DELIVERY!

YOU DO NOT TRUST ANYBODY, DO YOU?



I GOTTA HUNCH SHE'LL STIR UP SOMETHING WHEN SHE FINDS THE MONEY GONE!

YOU CAN'T AFFORD TO TRUST ANYONE IN MY BUSINESS - ESPECIALLY ASSASSINS LIKE YOU!



HE'S OKAY! HE'S GOT A BIG GRIN ON HIS FACE!

THE 'BIG GOOF! I HOPE THEY DON'T SPOT IT! THEY'D BLAST HIM FOR SURE, IF THEY KNEW HE WAS WISE!



LATER... I GUESS THE DRUG WOULD HAVE WORN OFF BY NOW...

OH... WHERE AM I?

THAT IS NOT IMPORTANT, ROCKY X! WHAT YOU TELL US IS WHAT MATTERS! SHALL WE BEGIN?



HAS YOUR NEW CHLORIDE BOMB BEEN TESTED, YET?

SO THEY DO KNOW ABOUT THAT! VERY INTERESTING!



TALK, BLAST YOU! WE DO NOT MIND EMPLOYING VIOLENCE, IF YOU MAKE IT NECESSARY!

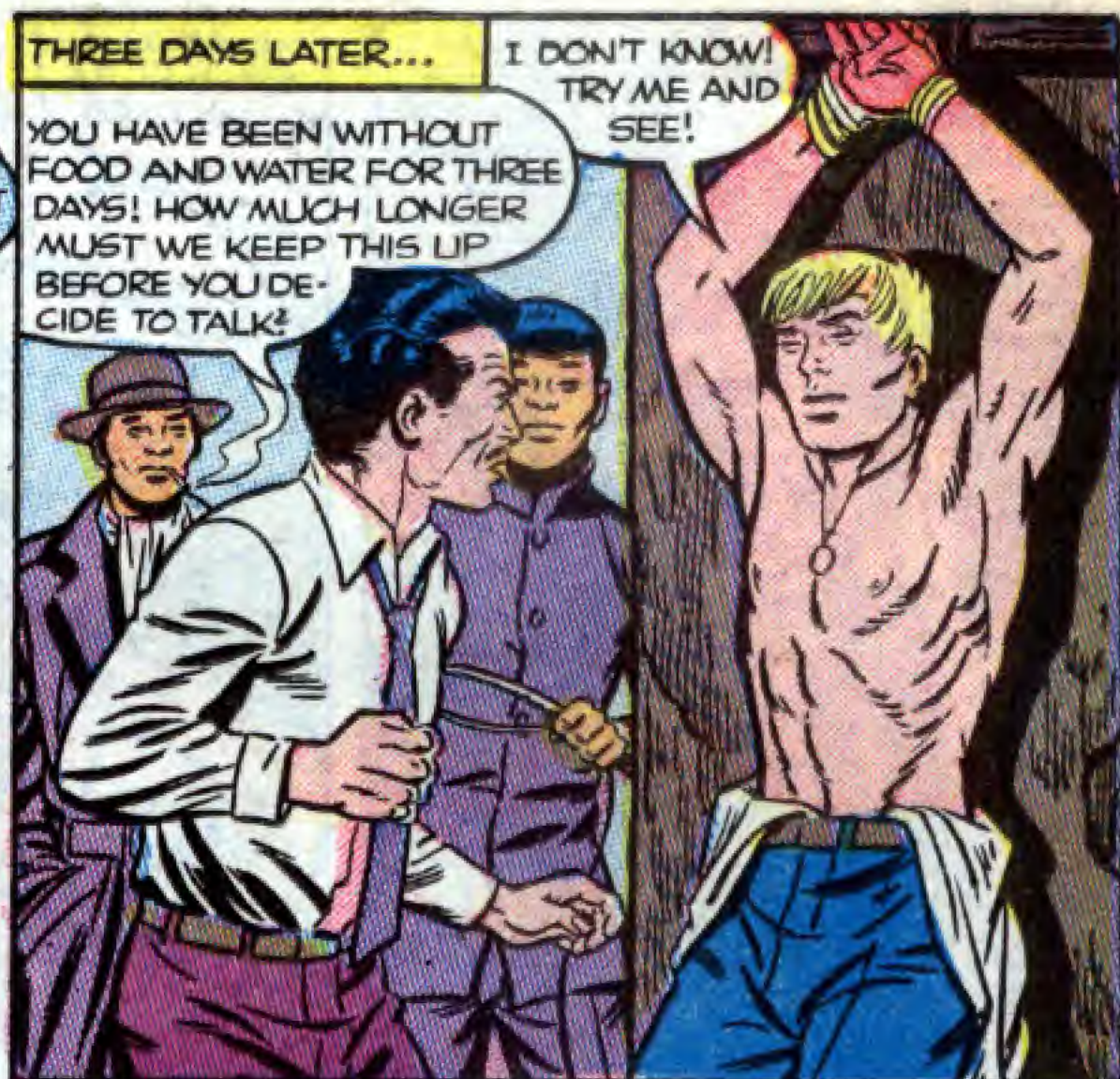
AGH...



WHAT ARE THE PERFORMANCE RECORDS ON YOUR NEW XP44 ROCKET? TALK! WE KNOW YOU WERE IN THE ROCKETEERS!

I NEVER HEARD OF THE ROCKETEERS!

GUESS THEY DON'T KNOW AS MUCH ABOUT ROCKETS AS WE THOUGHT!



THREE DAYS LATER...

YOU HAVE BEEN WITHOUT FOOD AND WATER FOR THREE DAYS! HOW MUCH LONGER MUST WE KEEP THIS UP BEFORE YOU DECIDE TO TALK?

I DON'T KNOW! TRY ME AND SEE!



PSST— ROCKY! DON'T TALK BACK! JUST PASS OUT!



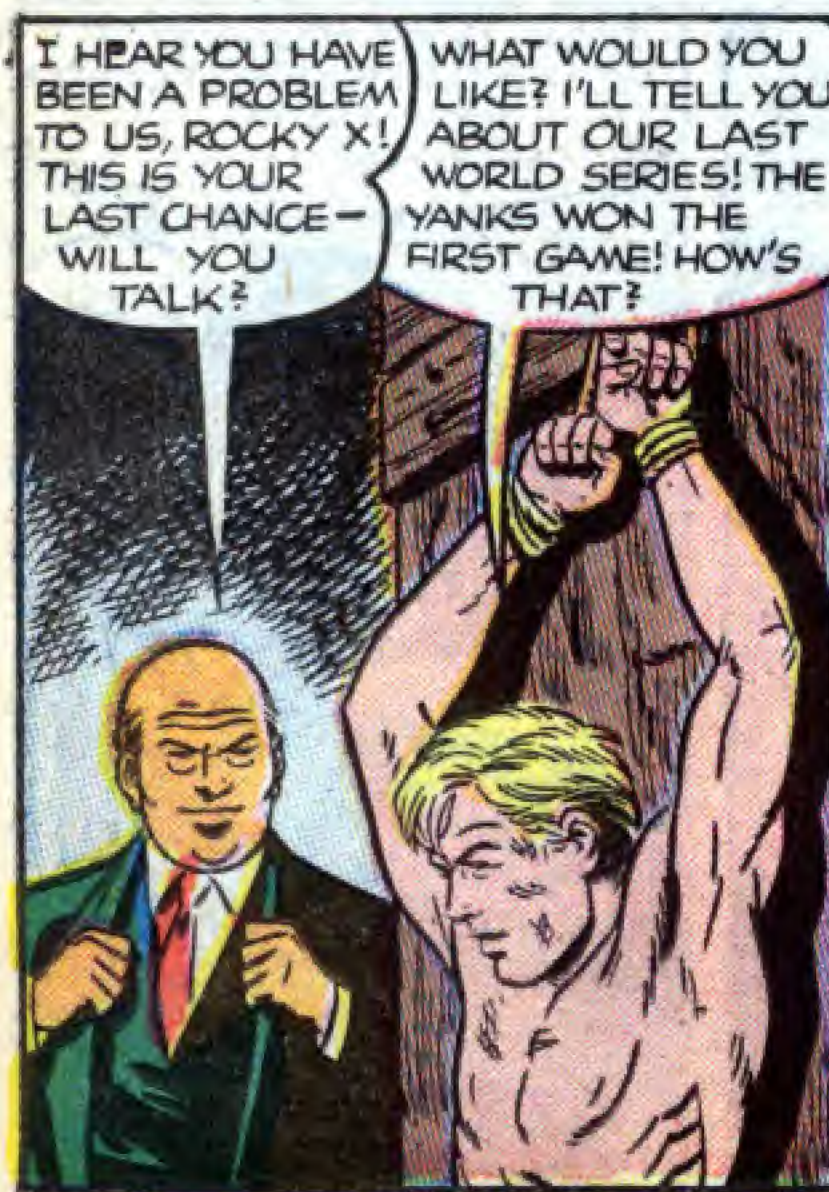
HE'S UNCONSCIOUS, SIR!

SO I SEE... I AM TIRED, ANYWAY! LEAVE HIM! WE WILL CONTINUE IN A FEW HOURS!



LATER... I'M LOO KEON, CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE! I'LL HAVE A CAR WAITING OUTSIDE AT FIVE O'CLOCK! THEIR CHIEF INTELLIGENCE OFFICER IS HERE, AND I HAVE SEEN HIM TORTURE MEN BEFORE! HE WILL MAKE YOU CRACK! YOU MUST ESCAPE NOW!

I'LL MAKE THE BUST-OUT, BUT I'M TAKING THEIR CHIEF WITH ME!



I HEAR YOU HAVE BEEN A PROBLEM TO US, ROCKY X! THIS IS YOUR LAST CHANCE— WILL YOU TALK?

WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE? I'LL TELL YOU ABOUT OUR LAST WORLD SERIES! THE YANKS WON THE FIRST GAME! HOW'S THAT?



I WILL TEACH YOU TO BE INSULTING! BRING THE BURNING BAMBOO SPLINTERS!

HOLD IT! I WANT MY MONEY RIGHT NOW, OR THE WHOLE DEAL'S OFF!



YOU HAVE BEEN PAID! THROW HER OUT!

OH, NO YOU DON'T! I DON'T KNOW WHAT KIND OF TRICKS YOU COMMIES PULLED WITH THAT DOUGH, BUT I GET PAID RIGHT NOW, OR I SHOOT YOUR PRIZE CATCH!



BETTER YET-
RELEASE HIM!
I'LL TAKE HIM
WITH ME!

THANKS, HONEY!
I DIDN'T KNOW
YOU CARED!

WAIT!
I WILL
PAY HER
MYSELF!



THIS GUN IS
PRETTY HEAVY
FOR YOU,
ISN'T IT?

HE'S LOOSE!
STOP HIM,
YOU STUPID
DOGS!



OUTSIDE, PAL!
YOU'RE GOING
WITH ME, AND
YOU, TOO,
PRETTY BABY!
GET MOVING!

I SUPPOSE
I HAVE
NO CHOICE!



GOOD OLD
LOO KEON-
RIGHT ON
SCHEDULE!

GET IN,
FAT STUFF!
YOU'RE
DRIVING!

THOSE
GOONS
STILL
CHEATED
ME OUTTA
MY
DOUGH!



I GUESS YOU
MEANT IT WHEN
YOU SAID YOU'D
WORK FOR ANYONE
WHO PAID YOU!
HERE, WE'RE PAY-
ING YOU NOW!

THAT'S THE
ENVELOPE
THEY PAID ME
WITH BEFORE!
WHY, YOU...
YOU STOLE IT
FROM ME!



YOU'RE A SLICK
ONE, AREN'T YOU?
YOU'RE A
LOUSE, BUT I
LIKE YOU!

YOU'RE DRIVING
JUST FINE, PAL!
IF YOU LIVE TO
GET TO THE STATES,
LOOK ME UP! WE
CAN ALWAYS USE
A GOOD CABBIE!



LATER...

CONGRATULATIONS,
ROCKY! WE'LL
GET MORE IN-
FORMATION OUT
OF THIS JOKER
THAN WE COULD
HAVE GOTTEN
IN SIX MONTHS
OF UNDERCOVER
WORK!

DON'T TORTURE
ME-
I'LL TELL
YOU
EVERY-
THING!

LOOK
WHO'S
BEGGING
FOR
MERCY!
HE'S A
BRAVE
ONE, ISN'T
HE?



C'MON, ROCKY,
LET'S SPEND
SOME OF THAT
MONEY I GOT
FOR
SHANGHAING
YOU!

ROCKY,
ARE YOU
GOING
OUT WI...
WITH
HER?

WHY NOT?
SHE'S
WORKING
FOR US
NOW!



IN THAT
CASE
DO YOU
THINK SHE
COULD DIG
UP A FRIEND
FOR ME?

HA! HA!
YOU DON'T
EVER
GIVE UP,
DO YOU,
SIAMMY?

BUT ROCKY'S
MISSION IS
STILL
NOT QUITE
COMPLETED!
THIS HE WILL
DISCOVER
TO HIS
REGRET!
FOLLOW
THE NEW
ADVENTURES
OF ROCKY X
IN BOY
COMICS
NEXT
MONTH!



THE
END

CRIMEBUSTER

IN "MIMI'S HUMAN PUPPET"

AFTER THE DISCOVERY OF A CRIME, THE FIRST THING CRIMEBUSTER LOOKS FOR IS THE MODUS OPERANDI, WHICH MEANS THE METHOD THE CRIMINAL USED IN CARRYING OUT THE CRIME! HIS NEXT STEP THEN IS TO SORT THROUGH THE FILES OF HIS MEMORY AND THE ROGUES GALLERY, FOR THE CRIMINALS WHO OPERATED IN THAT STYLE! YET CRIMEBUSTER WILL BE THE FIRST TO DENY THE UNFAIR BELIEF THAT ONCE A CRIMINAL, ALWAYS A CRIMINAL! HE KNOWS THAT ON THE AVERAGE, VERY FEW CRIMINALS, ONCE PUNISHED, COMMIT A SECOND OFFENSE! CRIMEBUSTER HAS HIS HANDS FULL PROVING IT TO HIS PAL, LOOVER!

Charles Biro

WHAT ARE YOU UP TO? GET YOUR HANDS OFF MY PUPPETS, OR I'LL...

OR YOU'LL WHAT? YOU WON'T DO ANYTHING! YOU DON'T NEED 'EM ANY MORE! WHEN YOU GET PICKED UP FOR SMUGGLING AGAIN, YOU'LL GO BACK TO THE BIG HOUSE FOR KEEPS!

STORY BY
CHARLES BIRO

THIS TRAGIC STORY BEGAN AT THE NEW WALTIC PRISON...IT WAS SATURDAY NIGHT WHEN AS USUAL, THE INMATES WERE HAVING THEIR SHOW...

WHY CAN'T I HAVE A NEW DRESS? BEFORE WE WERE MARRIED, YOU TOLD ME YOU WERE WELL OFF!

I WAS, BUT I DIDN'T KNOW IT!

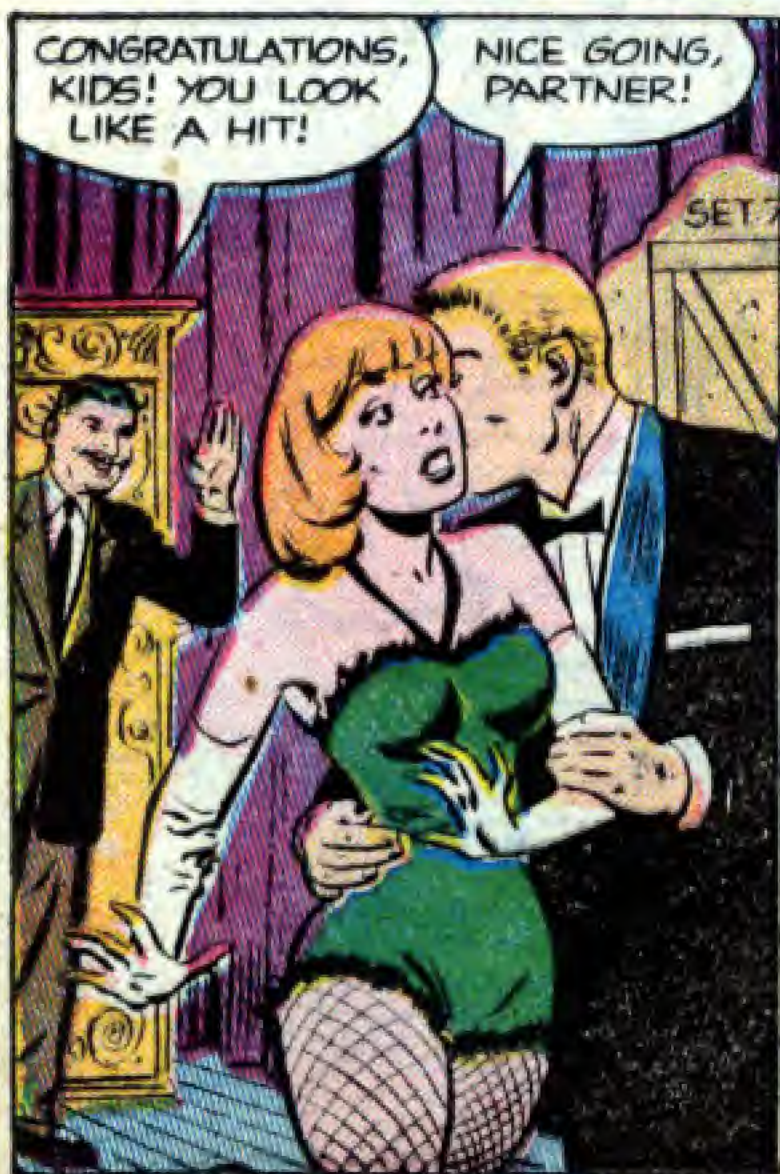
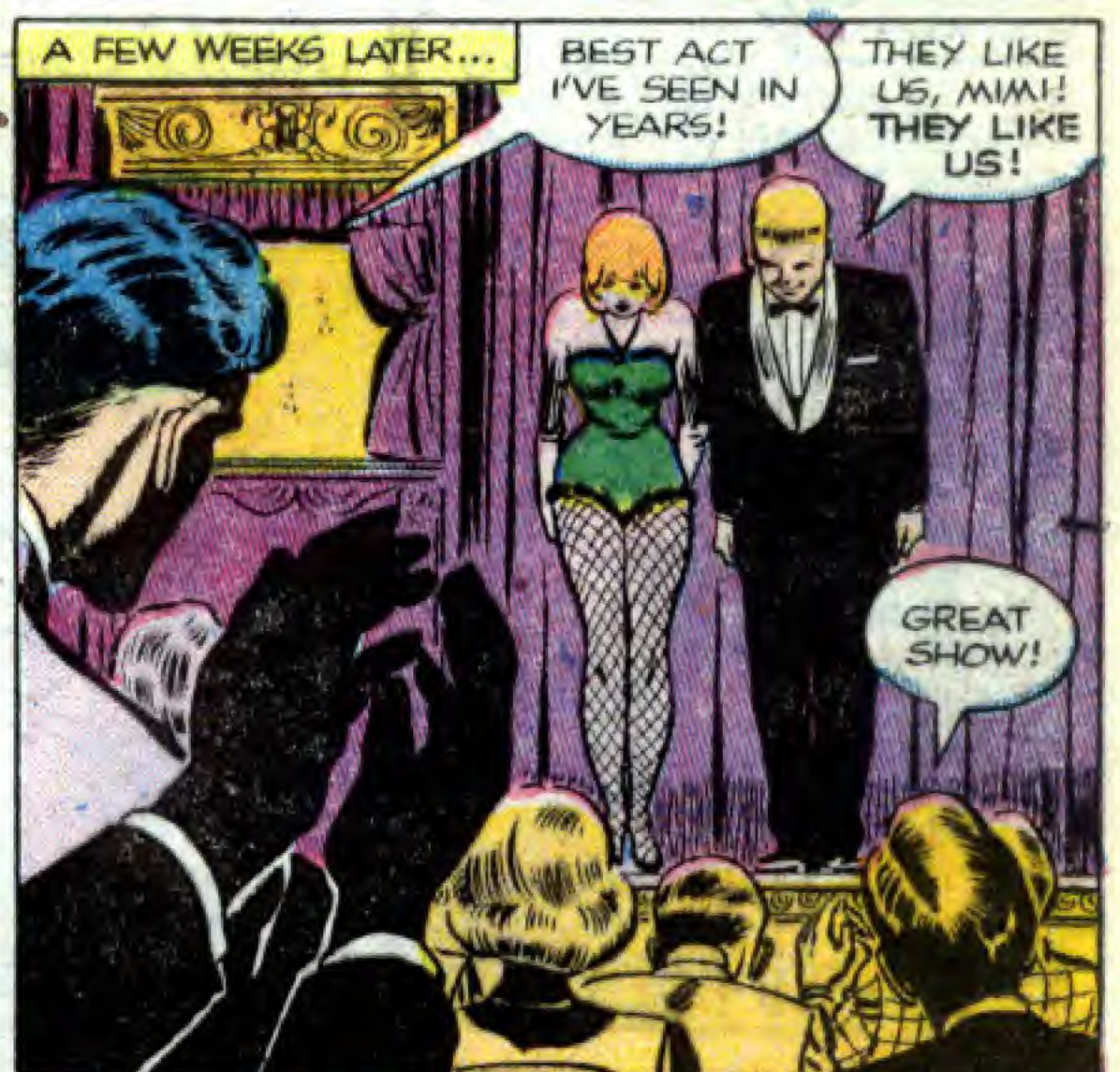
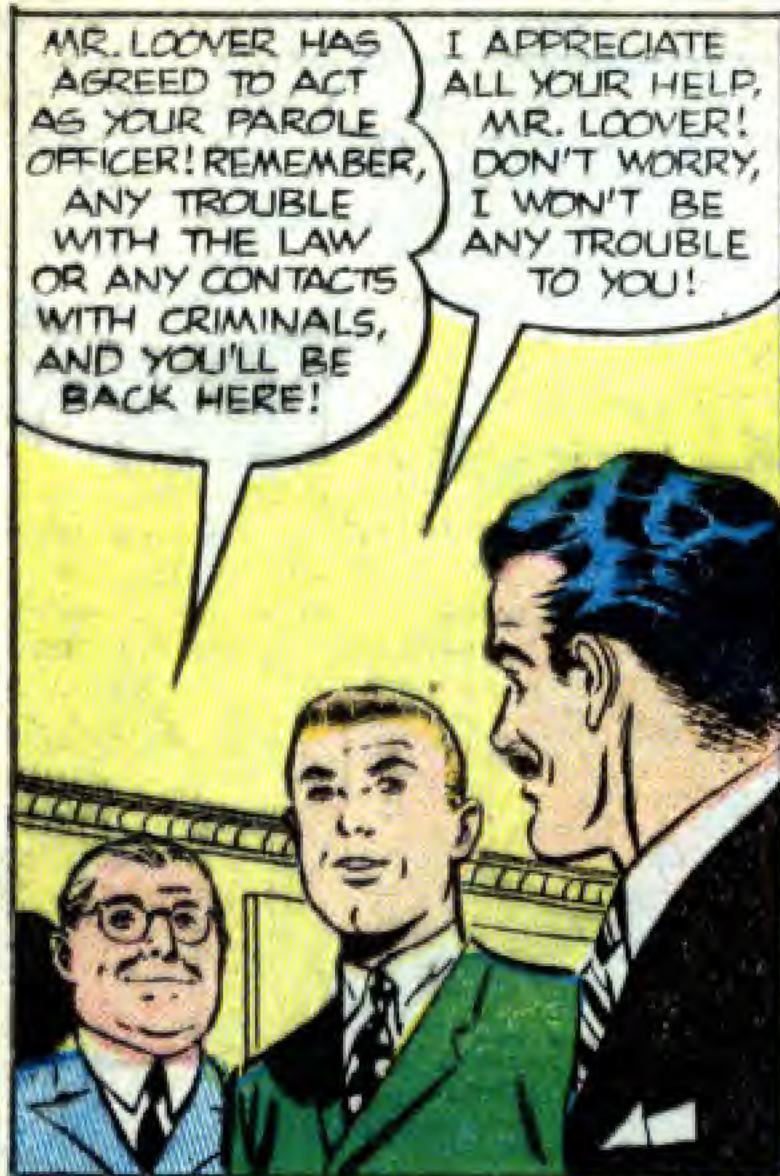
I'VE GOT TO HAND IT TO YOU, C.B.! I NEVER THOUGHT YOU COULD REHABILITATE A HABITUAL CRIMINAL LIKE SID JARROLL!

HE'S GREAT WITH THOSE PUPPETS! I'M GOING TO TRY AND ARRANGE SOME NIGHT CLUB WORK FOR HIM WHEN HE'S RELEASED TOMORROW!

GOOD LUCK, JARROLL! WE'LL MISS YOUR ENTERTAINING, BUT I HOPE I WON'T SEE YOU AGAIN!

I'LL BET THE FEELING IS MUTUAL, EH, JARROLL?







CHOPIN! ARE YOU GOING OUT WITH THAT MOB MUG AGAIN? HE'LL BRING YOU NOTHING BUT TROUBLE!

MY PRIVATE LIFE'S NONE OF YOUR BUSINESS!



MIAMI, WHY DO YOU TREAT ME THIS WAY? YOU KNOW I'M NUTS ABOUT YOU...

GET YOUR HANDS OFF ME! YOU HIRED ME TO WORK WITH THOSE LOUSY PUPPETS, AND THAT'S ALL! LEAVE ME ALONE!



NEXT MORNING...

THIS IS YOUR LAST VISIT, SID, BUT I HOPE WE'LL SEE EACH OTHER AGAIN, AND WE CERTAINLY WANT TO CATCH YOUR ACT!

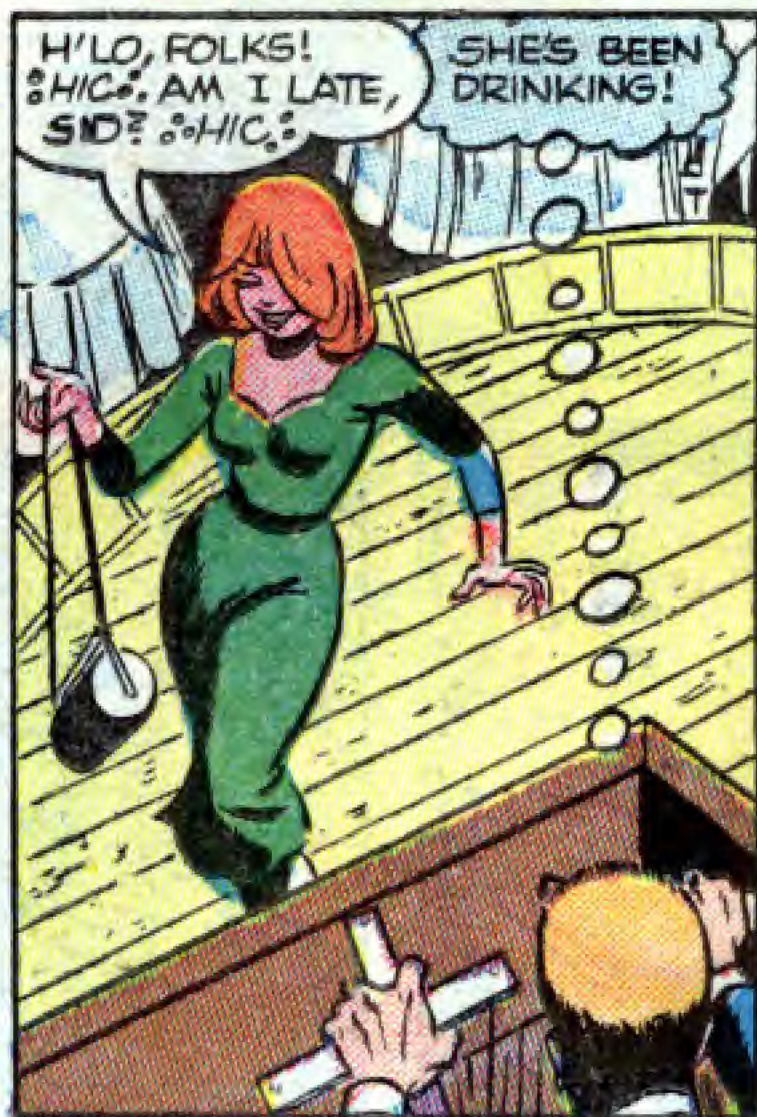
YOU'D BETTER, MAKE IT TO-NIGHT, MR. LOOVER! IT'S OUR LAST NIGHT BEFORE GOING ON TOUR!



THAT NIGHT...

CAN'T WE WAIT A WHILE LONGER? I'M SURE SHE'LL BE HERE!

I'VE ALREADY DELAYED THE FLOOR SHOW FOR A HALF HOUR! YOU'LL HAVE TO GO ON WITHOUT HER!



H'LO, FOLKS! %HIC% AM I LATE, SID? %HIC%

SHE'S BEEN DRINKING!



OH, OH! %HIC% SHOMEBODY'S %HIC% ROCKIN' THE BOAT! KEEP YOUR SEATS, FOLKS...WE'LL GET THISH CRAZY THING GOIN' IN A MINUTE!

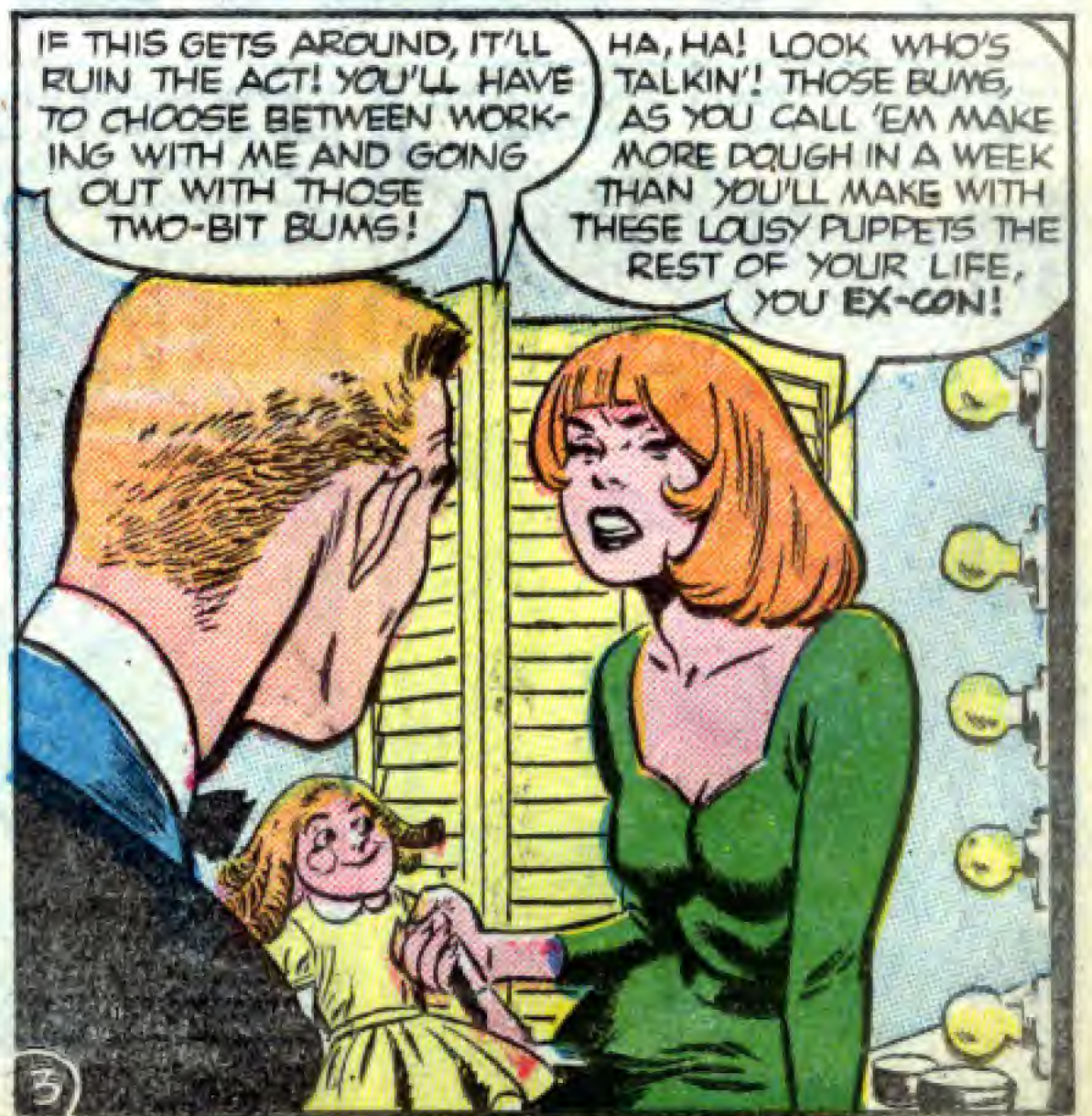
MIMI! GET OFF STAGE, JARROLL! GET OUT OF HERE AT ONCE!



THAT WAS THE MOST DISGRACEFUL EXHIBITION I EVER SAW! IF THIS WASN'T YOUR LAST NIGHT, I'D HAVE FIRED YOU! NOW GET THAT DAME OUT OF HERE, OR I'LL THROW HER OUT!

SET 9

S...SURE! JUST GIVE ME A MINUTE!



IF THIS GETS AROUND, IT'LL RUIN THE ACT! YOU'LL HAVE TO CHOOSE BETWEEN WORKING WITH ME AND GOING OUT WITH THOSE TWO-BIT BUMS!

HA, HA! LOOK WHO'S TALKIN'! THOSE BUMS, AS YOU CALL 'EM MAKE MORE DOUGH IN A WEEK THAN YOU'LL MAKE WITH THESE LOUSY PUPPETS THE REST OF YOUR LIFE, YOU EX-CON!



HE PICKED A BAD TIME TO GET FUNNY WITH ME...DIDN'T HE, PHIL?

HE SURE DID, HONEY! OKAY, SQUINT, FIX HIS WAGON!



THAT'S ENOUGH, SQUINT! DON'T FINISH HIM...YET!



YOU CAN PUT HIM IN CEMENT FOR ALL I CARE!

I'LL BE RIGHT WITH YOU, BABY! HE'LL MIND HIS OWN BUSINESS FROM NOW ON!



THE NEXT MORNING...

YOU AGAIN! WHAT DO YOU WANT?

I GUESS I DESERVED LAST NIGHT, MIMI! I HAD NO RIGHT TO BUTT IN THAT WAY! WON'T YOU CHANGE YOUR MIND ABOUT QUITTIN' THE ACT?



IT'S TRAGIC, THAT A SWEET GUY LIKE SID SHOULD FALL FOR A GIRL LIKE THAT!

I PROMISE NOT TO TALK ABOUT US AGAIN!

NO SOAP! I'M THROUGH! I DON'T CARE ABOUT YOU OR YOUR OTHER DUMMIES!



YOU DON'T WANT ME JUST BECAUSE I DON'T HAVE BIG DOUGH LIKE YOUR MUGGY PALS, BUT I'LL HAVE IT SOME DAY! YOU JUST WAIT! YOU'LL COME CRAWLIN' BACK SOME DAY!



THAT NIGHT...

SHE'S PRETTY! I MUST GET A PARTNER, OR CANCEL THE TOUR...WHY NOT HER? I COULD TEACH HER THE ACT...IT CAN'T HURT TO ASK!



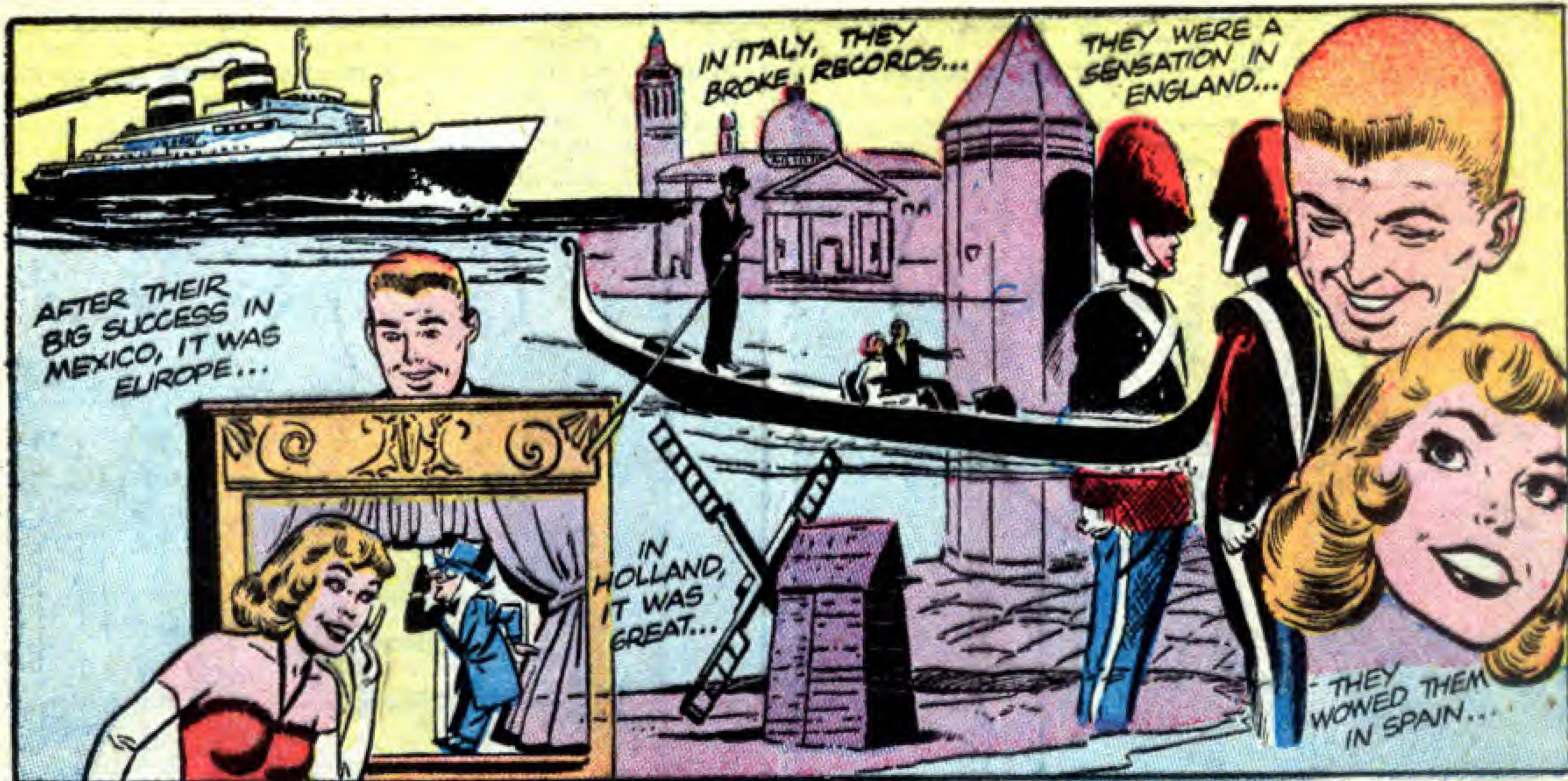
PARDON ME, MISS CARLING! I'M SID JARROLL - I'VE GOT A PUPPET ACT! MY PARTNER JUST QUIT, AND I NEED SOMEBODY FOR MY MEXICAN TOUR! WOULD YOU CONSIDER IT?

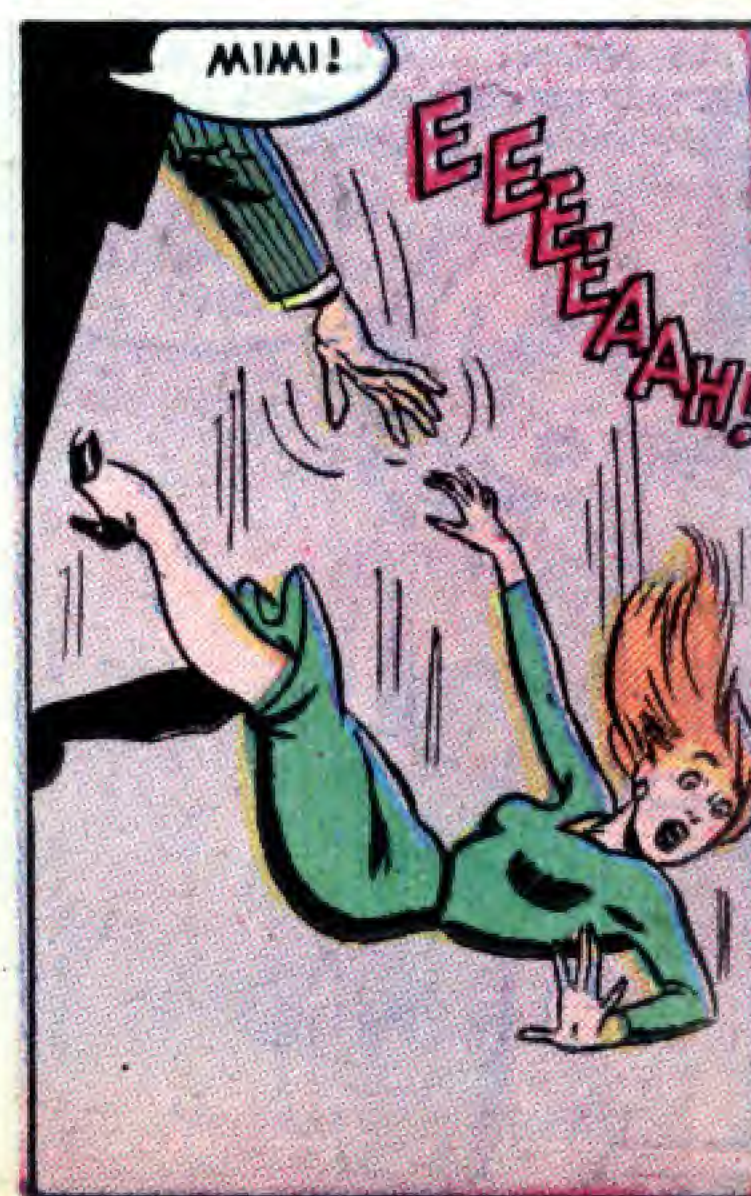
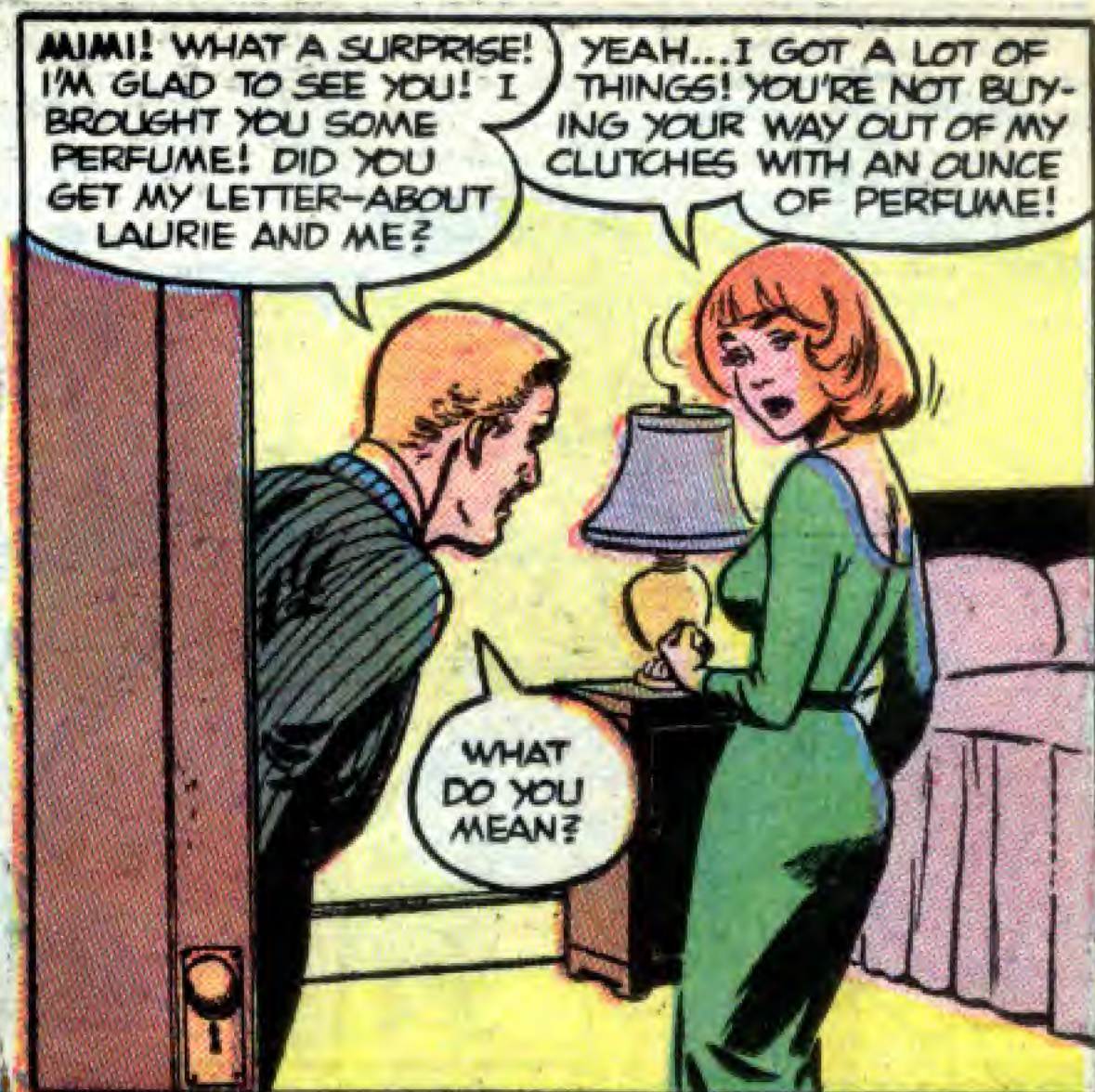
MEXICO? SLOW DOWN! YOU'RE GOING TOO FAST!

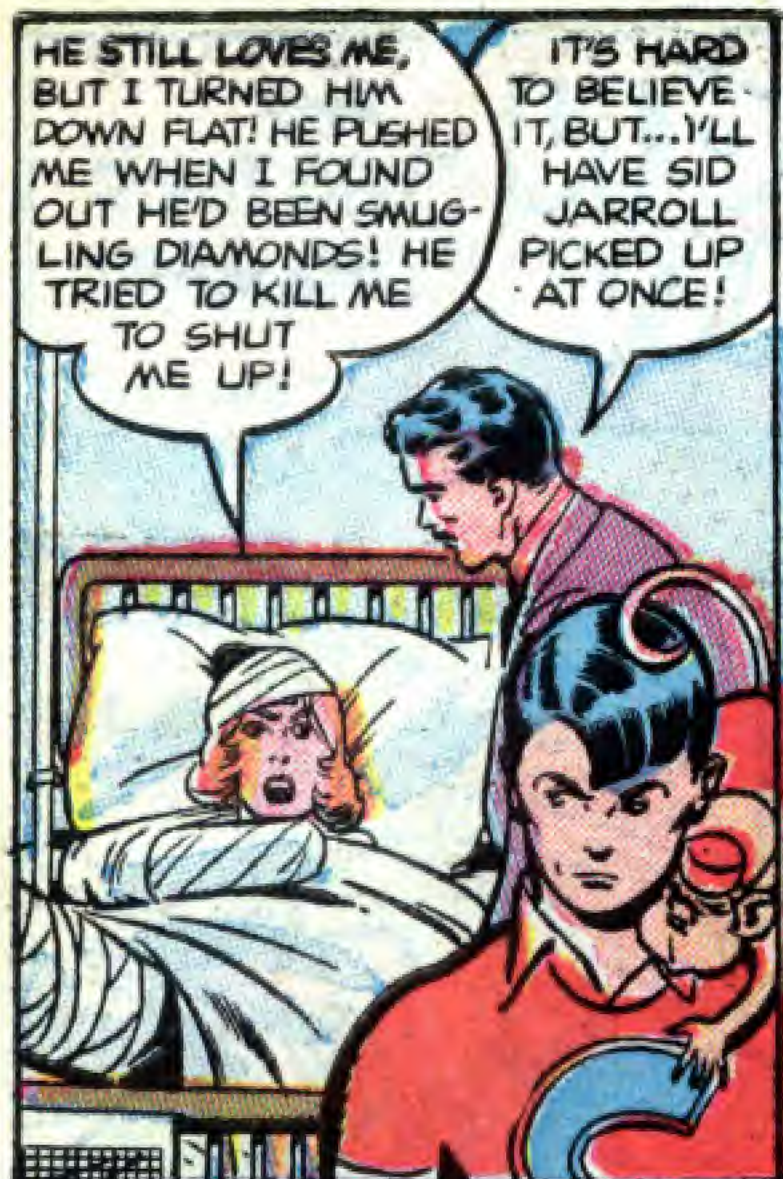


THIS IS THE SCREWIEST THING I EVER DID, BUT I LIKE YOU! I ALWAYS WANTED TO SEE MEXICO, ANYWAY!

THAT'S WONDERFUL, LAURIE! LET'S HAVE A DRINK ON IT!







HE STILL LOVES ME, BUT I TURNED HIM DOWN FLAT! HE PUSHED ME WHEN I FOUND OUT HE'D BEEN SMUGGLING DIAMONDS! HE TRIED TO KILL ME TO SHUT ME UP!

IT'S HARD TO BELIEVE IT, BUT...Y'LL HAVE SID JARROLL PICKED UP AT ONCE!



SOMEHOW I DON'T BELIEVE SHE'S TELLING THE TRUTH ABOUT IT, LOOVER! AFTER YOU'VE HAD HIM PICKED UP, I WANT TO GO THROUGH HIS ROOM... AND MIMI'S!

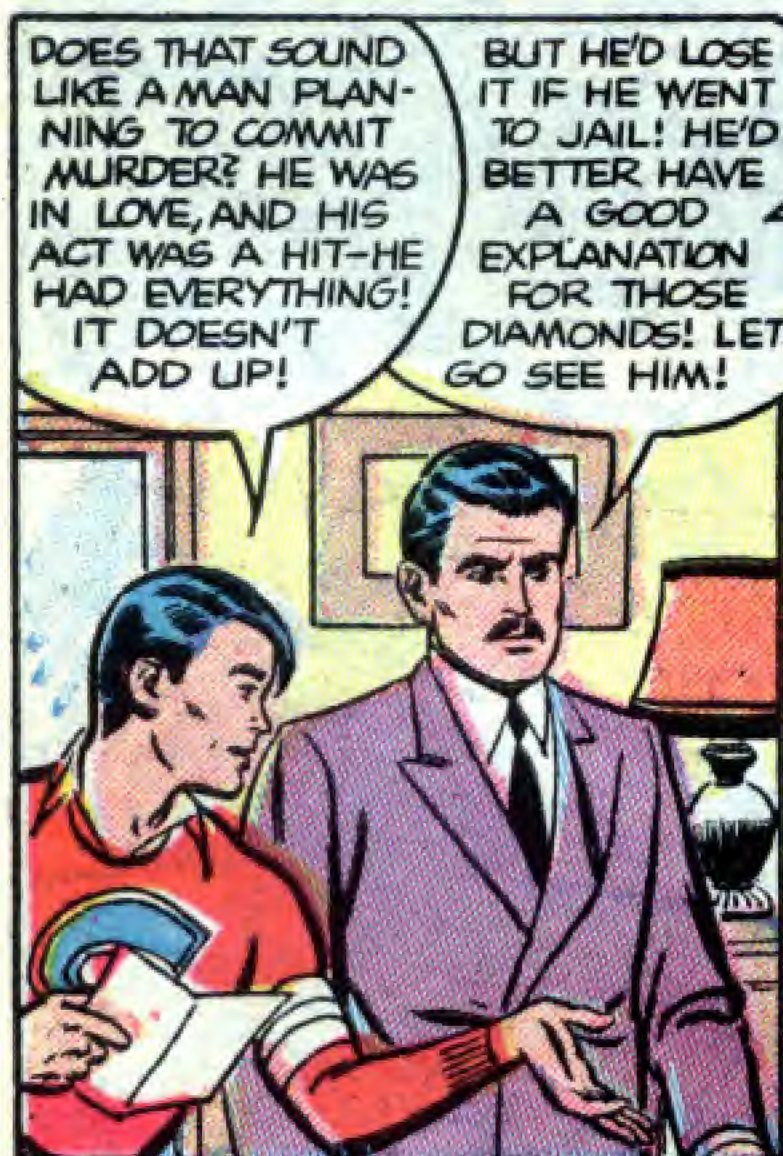
YOU'RE THE MOST SKEPTICAL GUY I EVER KNEW! OKAY, CRIME-BUSTER, BUT THIS IS AN OPEN AND SHUT CASE AND I'M GOING WITH YOU!



WE FOUND THE DIAMONDS IN HIS ROOM, C.B.! ISN'T THAT ENOUGH? WHAT MORE DO YOU WANT?

THIS IS A LETTER TO MIMI FROM SID! VERY INTERESTING! LISTEN TO THIS, LOOVER!

Dear Mimi:
This will probably come as a surprise, but I don't love you any more. My new partner and I are engaged. I wanted you to be the first to know. I love her more than I ever loved you.
Wish us luck!
Sid



DOES THAT SOUND LIKE A MAN PLANNING TO COMMIT MURDER? HE WAS IN LOVE, AND HIS ACT WAS A HIT-HE HAD EVERYTHING! IT DOESN'T ADD UP!

BUT HE'D LOSE IT IF HE WENT TO JAIL! HE'D BETTER HAVE A GOOD EXPLANATION FOR THOSE DIAMONDS! LET'S GO SEE HIM!



BUT I DIDN'T PUSH HER! SHE HATES ME! SHE WANTS TO HURT ME! YOU'VE GOT TO BELIEVE THAT!

YOU'RE IN BAD TROUBLE, SID, IF YOU CAN'T EXPLAIN ABOUT THOSE DIAMONDS!



OH, THAT! I SHOULD HAVE KNOWN! I PAID DUTY ON THOSE STONES...YOU CAN CHECK WITH THE CUSTOMS OFFICE! I HID THEM IN MY PUPPETS BECAUSE I WAS AFRAID OF THIEVES!

THERE GOES YOUR MOTIVE, LOOVER!

WE'D BETTER TALK TO MIMI AGAIN!



SHE SURE FOLDED UP WHEN SHE HEARD WHAT CUSTOMS TOLD US! IT WOULD'VE BEEN ROUGH ON JARROLL IF WE HADN'T CAUGHT HER IN THAT LIE!

C'MON, HIS SHOW MUST BE NEARLY OVER!



I'VE GOT AN ANNOUNCEMENT, FOLKS! LAURIE CARLING WON'T BE WORKING WITH ME ANY MORE...

SID!



FROM NOW ON, HER NAME WILL BE MRS. SID JARROLL!

OH, DARLING!

THANKS TO YOU, C.B.,

THIS IS ONE CASE I'M GLAD TO CLOSE! THEY DON'T ALWAYS HAVE HAPPY ENDINGS!

THE END

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CRAMPS"

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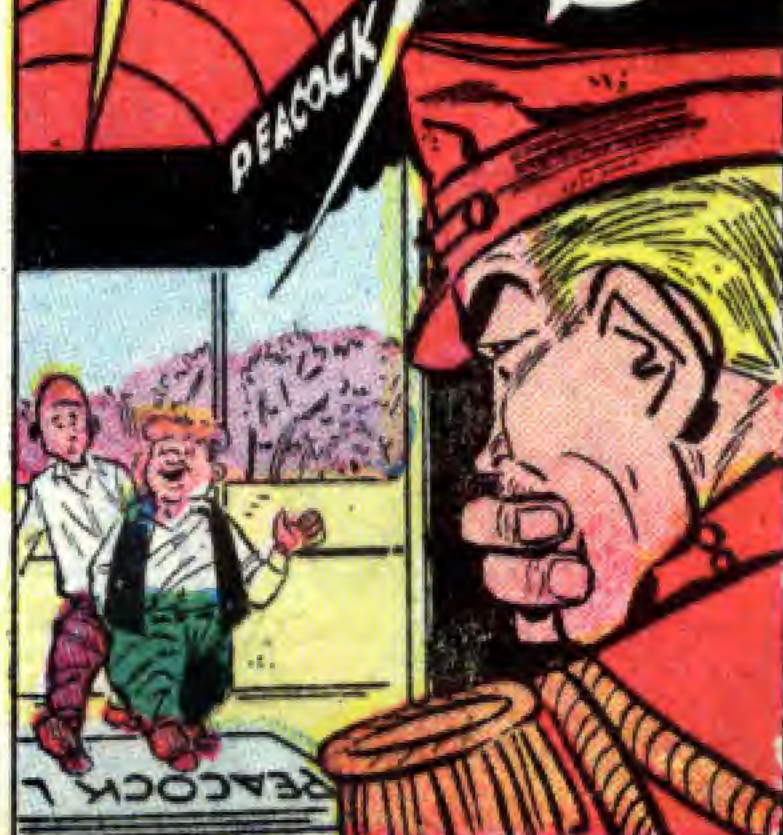
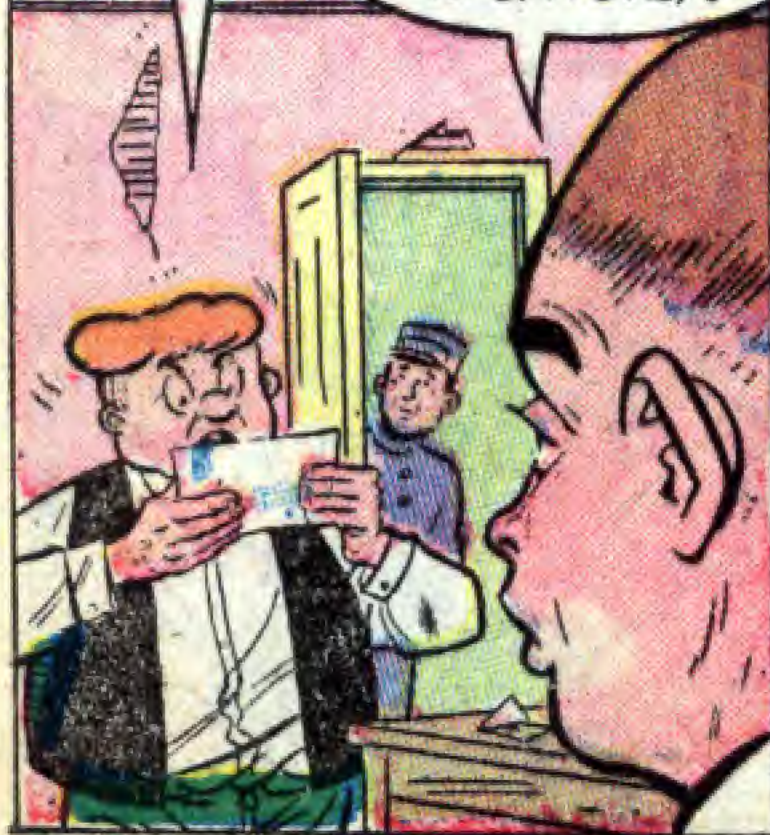


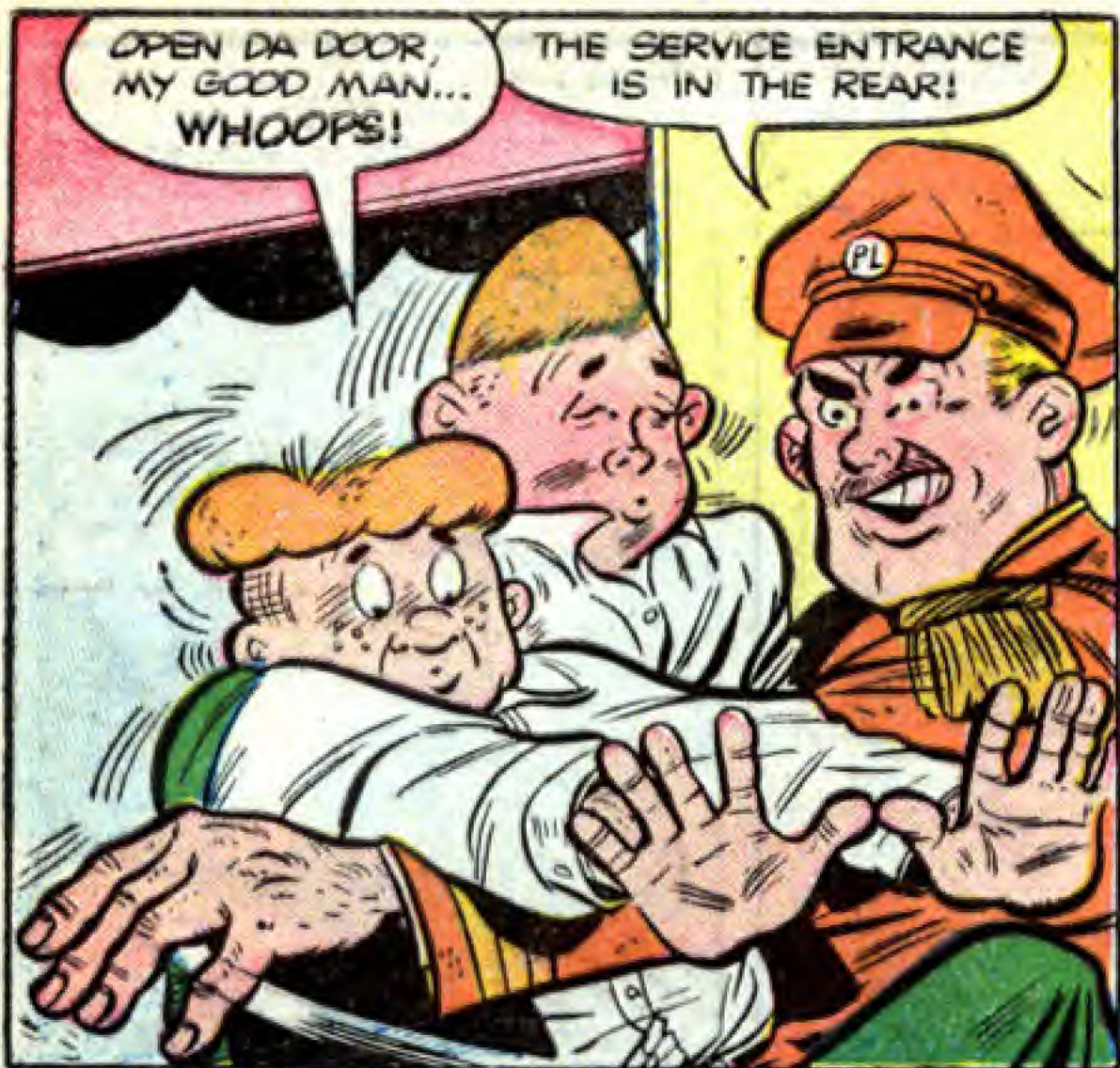
GOSH, SNIFFER,
DAT'S TOO BAD
YA CAN'T TELL
IT WITHOUT GOIN'
TO DA POKEY!

DAT'S A DOWNRIGHT INSULK!
WHEN WE MEET FRISBEE, I'LL
SPIN HIM A LIFE STORY LIKE HE
NEVER HEARD BEFORE! C'MON,
LET'S GO! ABOUT FACE,
YOU EGGHEAD!

BOY! DIS
IS SOME
JERNT!

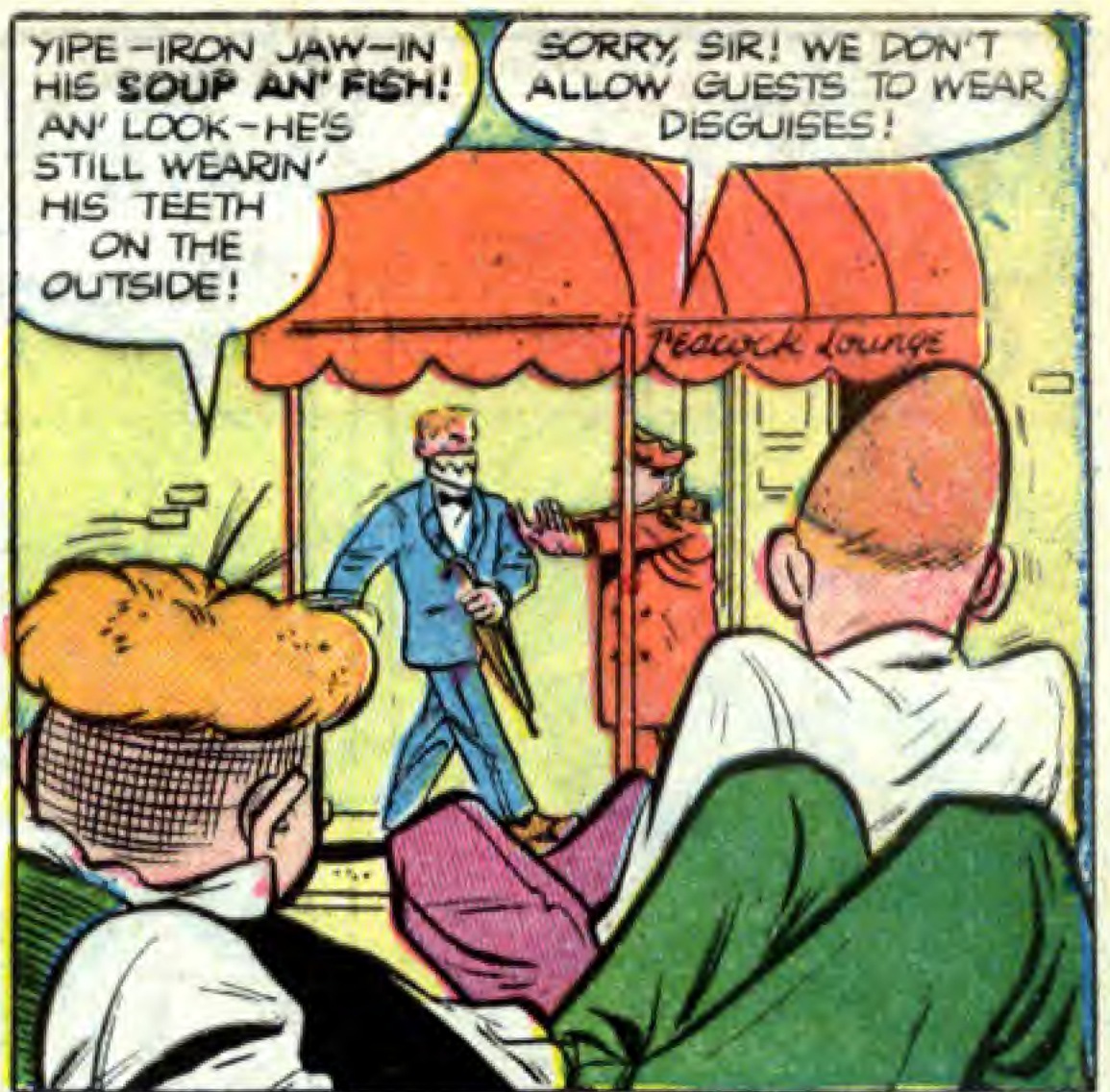
US BIG LITERARY
FIGGERS ALWAYS
HANGS OUT IN
JERNTS LIKE DIS!





OPEN DA DOOR,
MY GOOD MAN...
WHOOOPS!

THE SERVICE ENTRANCE
IS IN THE REAR!



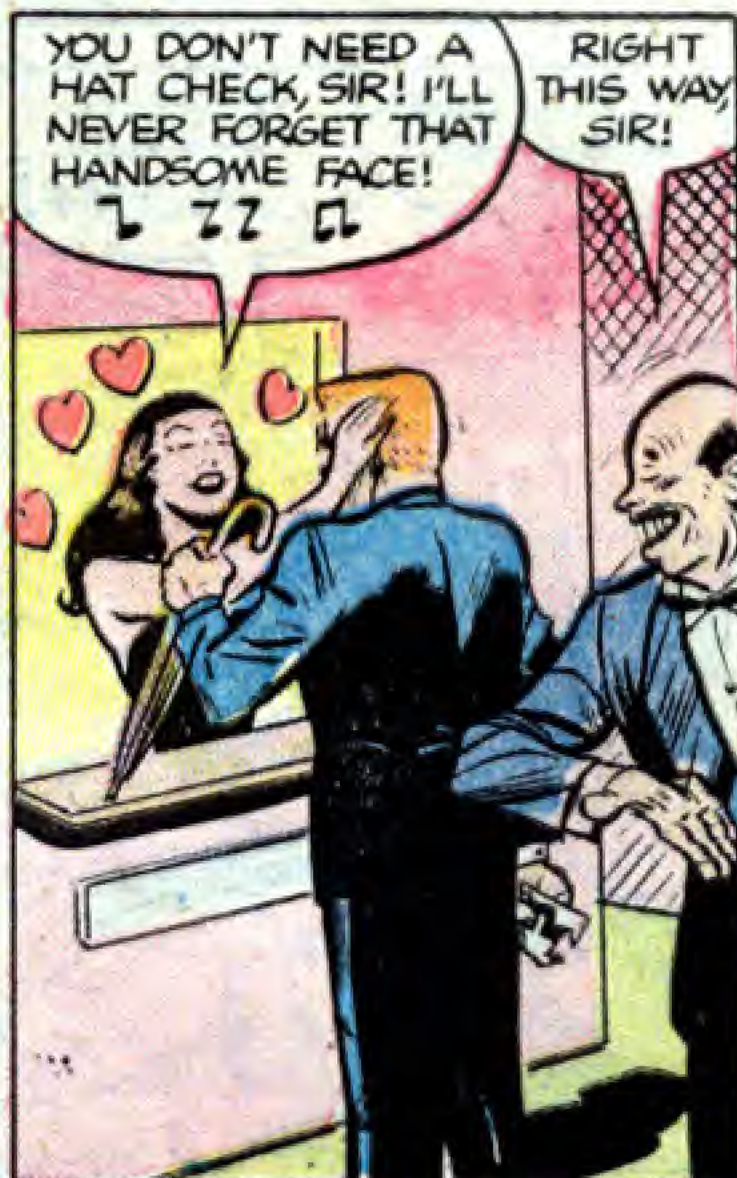
YIPE-IRON JAW-IN
HIS SOUP AN' FISH!
AN' LOOK-HE'S
STILL WEARIN'
HIS TEETH
ON THE
OUTSIDE!

SORRY, SIR! WE DON'T
ALLOW GUESTS TO WEAR
DISGUISES!



DON'T YOU RECOGNIZE THE GREAT
IRON JAW, YOU SNIVELING IDIOT?
MY JAW IS A BADGE OF HONOR
AND I'LL WEAR
IT WHENEVER
I CHOOSE!

IRON JAW!
YESSIR, SORRY,
SIR!
GLUGG!



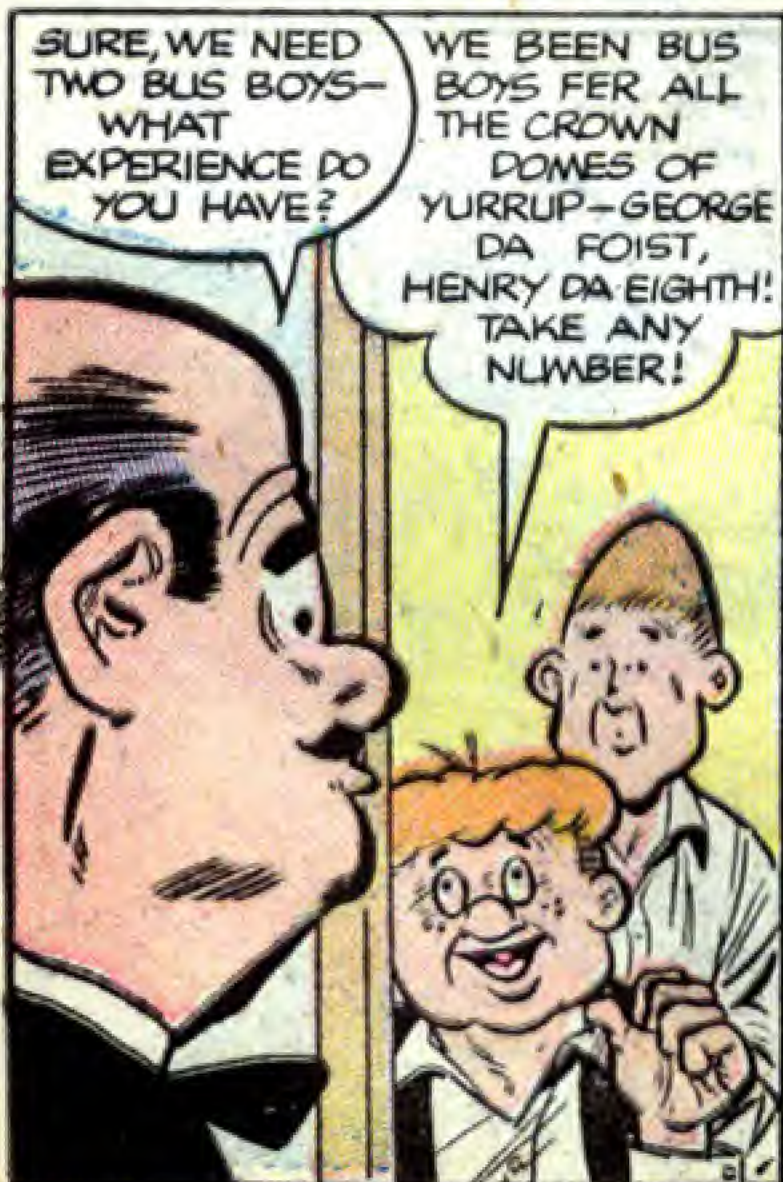
YOU DON'T NEED A
HAT CHECK, SIR! I'LL
NEVER FORGET THAT
HANDSOME FACE!

RIGHT
THIS WAY,
SIR!



HIS BEIN' HERE AIN'T NO COINCIDENCE!
I BET IRON JAW'S GONNA SEE
DAT PUBLISHER,
TOO! WHAT'LL
WE DO,
SNIFFER?

WE GOTTA GET
RID OF HIM! I'M
GETTIN' IN DERE
EVEN IF I HAFTA
GO TO WORK!
FOLLOW ME!



SURE, WE NEED
TWO BUS BOYS-
WHAT
EXPERIENCE DO
YOU HAVE?

WE BEEN BUS
BOYS FER ALL
THE CROWN
DOMES OF
YURRUP-GEORGE
DA FOIST,
HENRY DA EIGHTH!
TAKE ANY
NUMBER!



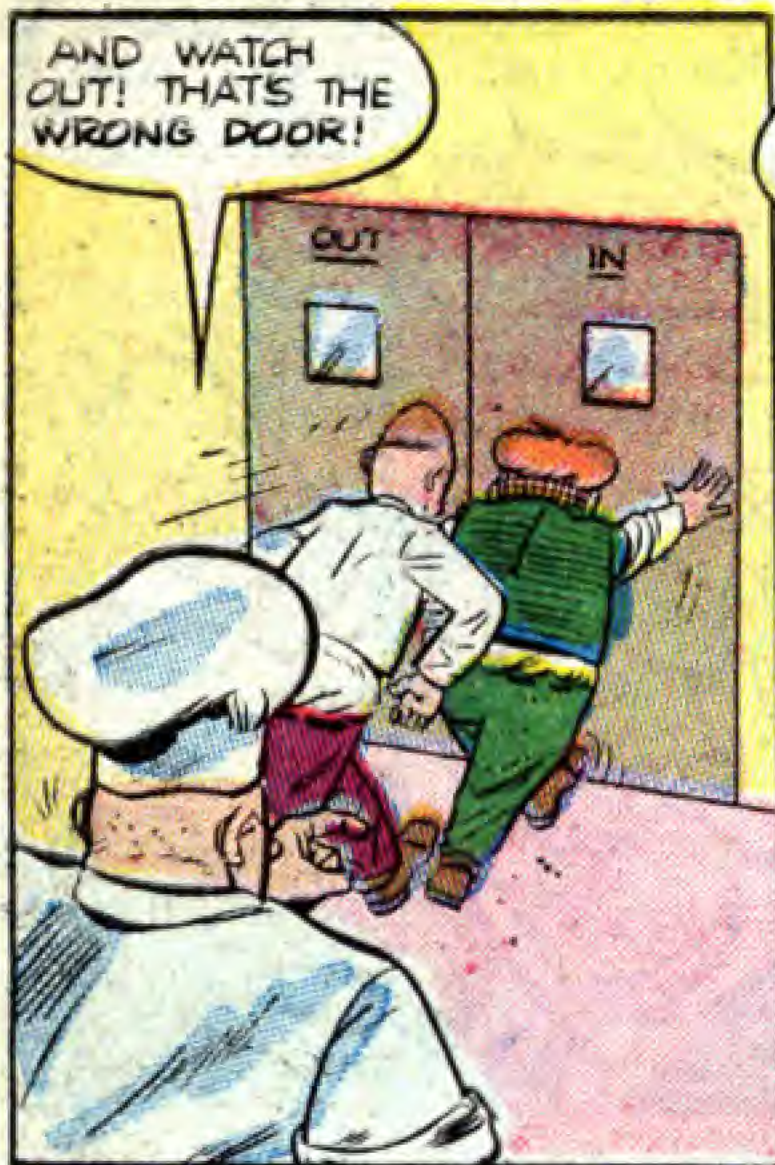
HENRY THE
EIGHTH? BUT
HE'S DEAD,
ISN'T HE?

HE SURE IS! I
DROPPED TWO
BUCKS ON HIM
AT HIALEAH!



YOUR DUTIES ARE TO CLEAR THE
TABLES, CHANGE THE LINEN,
SUPPLY THE PATRONS WITH
WATER!...AN TAKE YOUR
CRUMMY MITTS
OUTTA THE
CHOW!

NOW,
IS DAT
NICE?

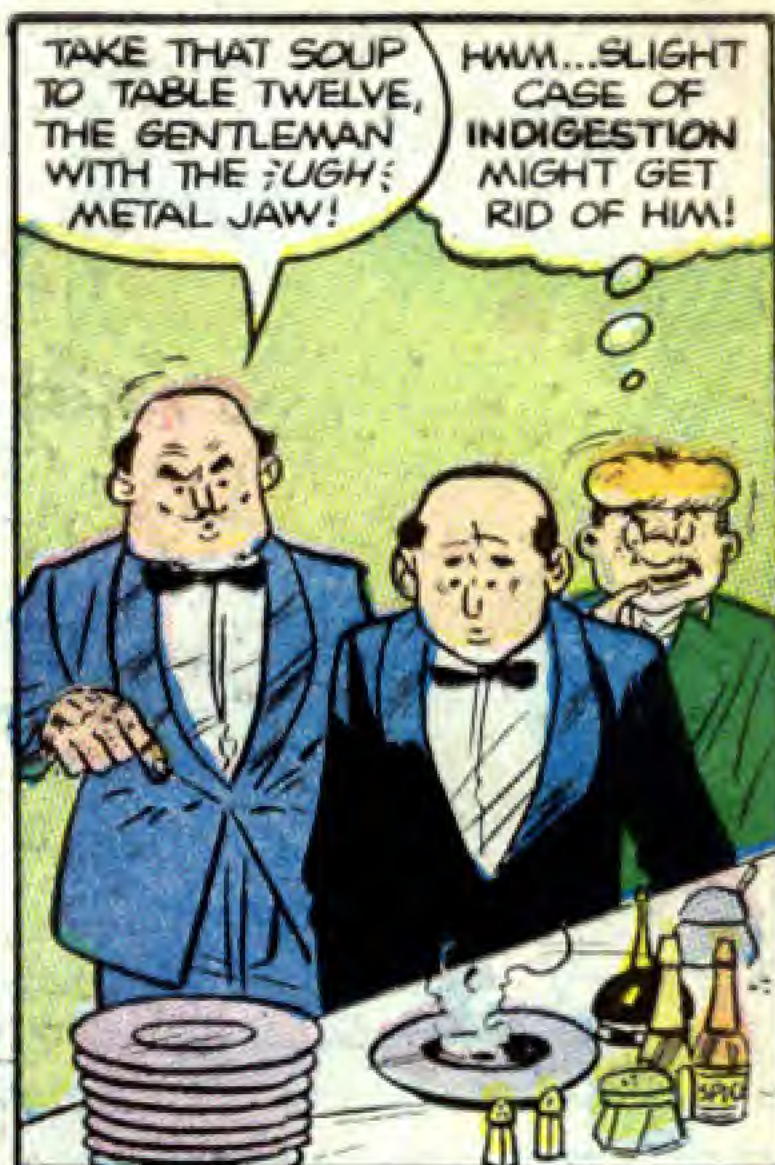


AND WATCH OUT! THAT'S THE WRONG DOOR!



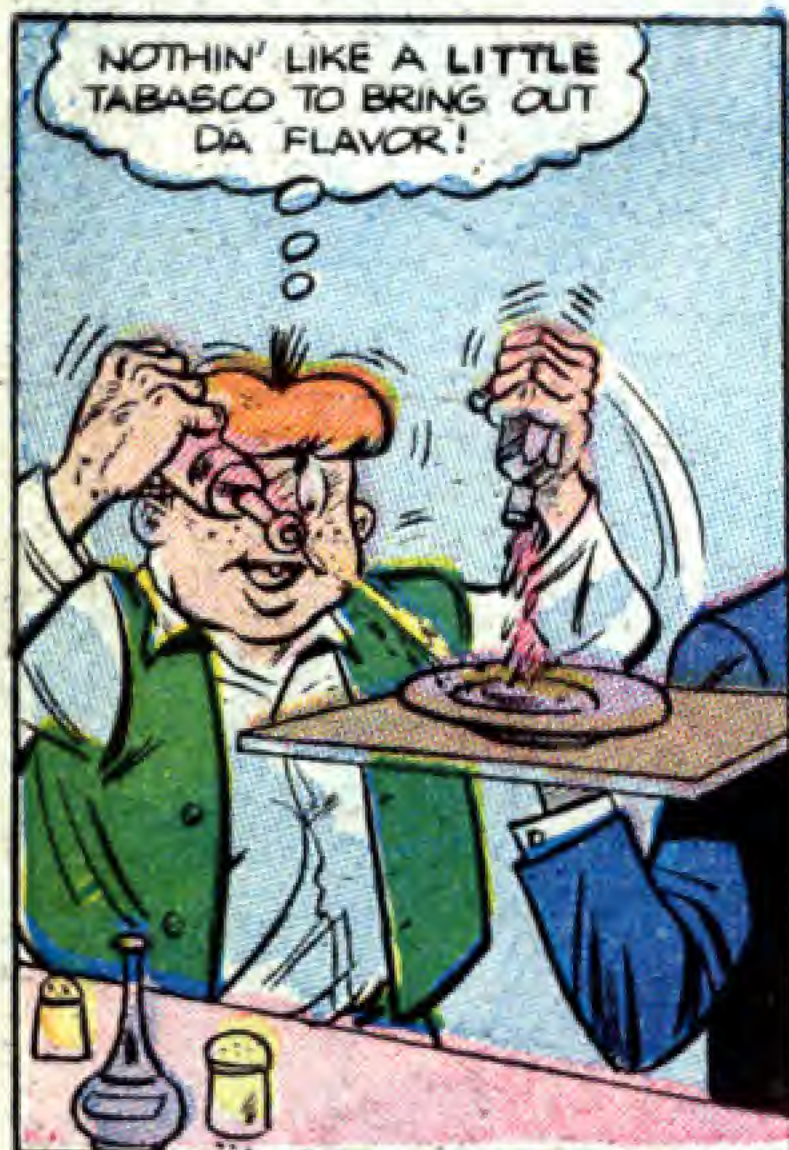
YEOWP!

C'MON, EGGHEAD, WE GOTTA GET RID OF TIN CHIN BEFORE FRISBEE GETS HERE!



TAKE THAT SOUP TO TABLE TWELVE, THE GENTLEMAN WITH THE UGH METAL JAW!

HMM...SLIGHT CASE OF INDIGESTION MIGHT GET RID OF HIM!



NOTHIN' LIKE A LITTLE TABASCO TO BRING OUT DA FLAVOR!



IS EVERYTHING SATISFACTORY, SIR?

IT SMELLS VERY EXOTIC... SPLOOFF!



WOULD YOU LIKE ANOTHER DISH... YEEOW!!

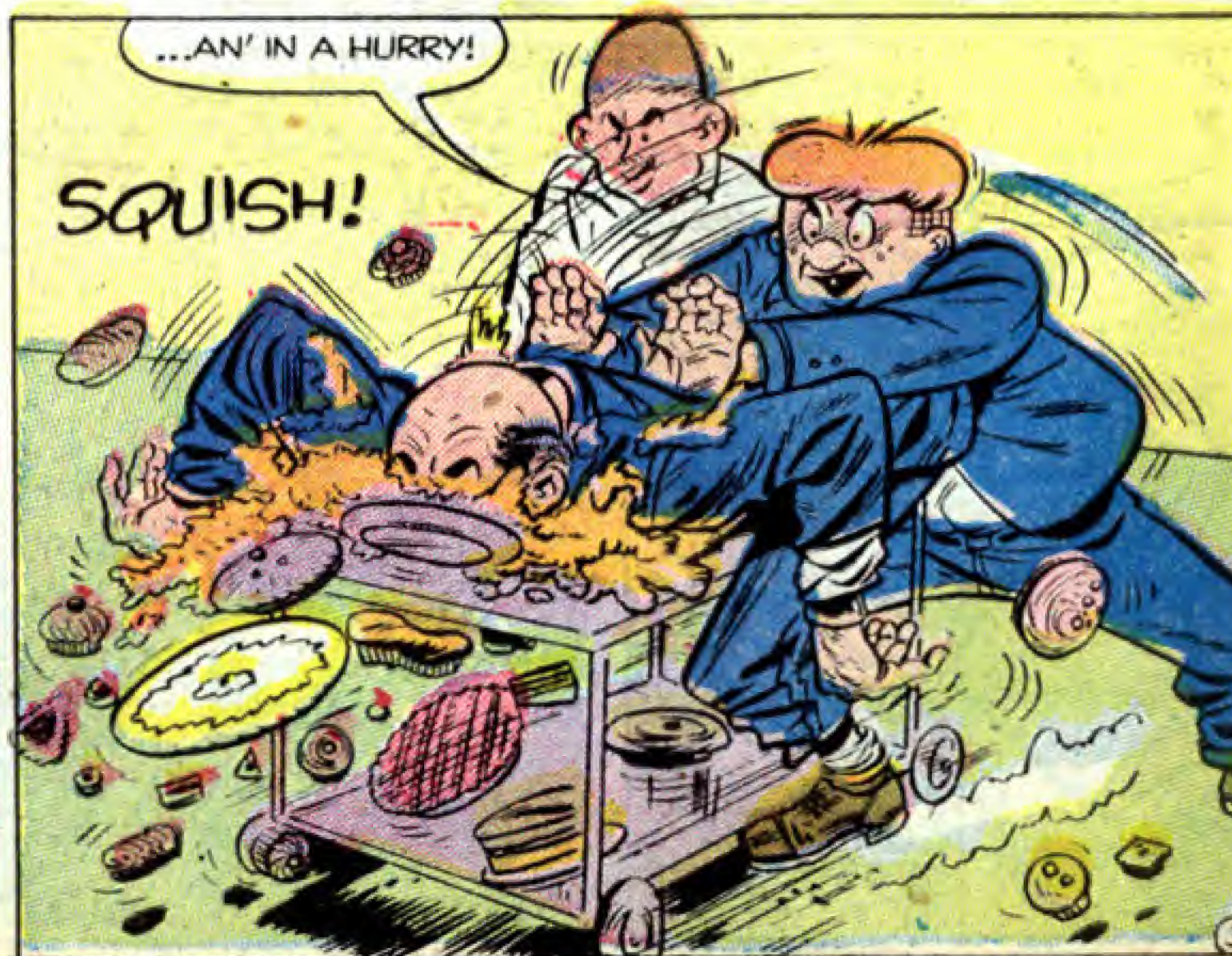
TELL THE COOK I DON'T LIKE PRACTICAL JOKERS!



HELLO, I'M MISTER FRISBEE! YOU MUST BE IRON JAW! WHERE'S MR. SNIFFER?

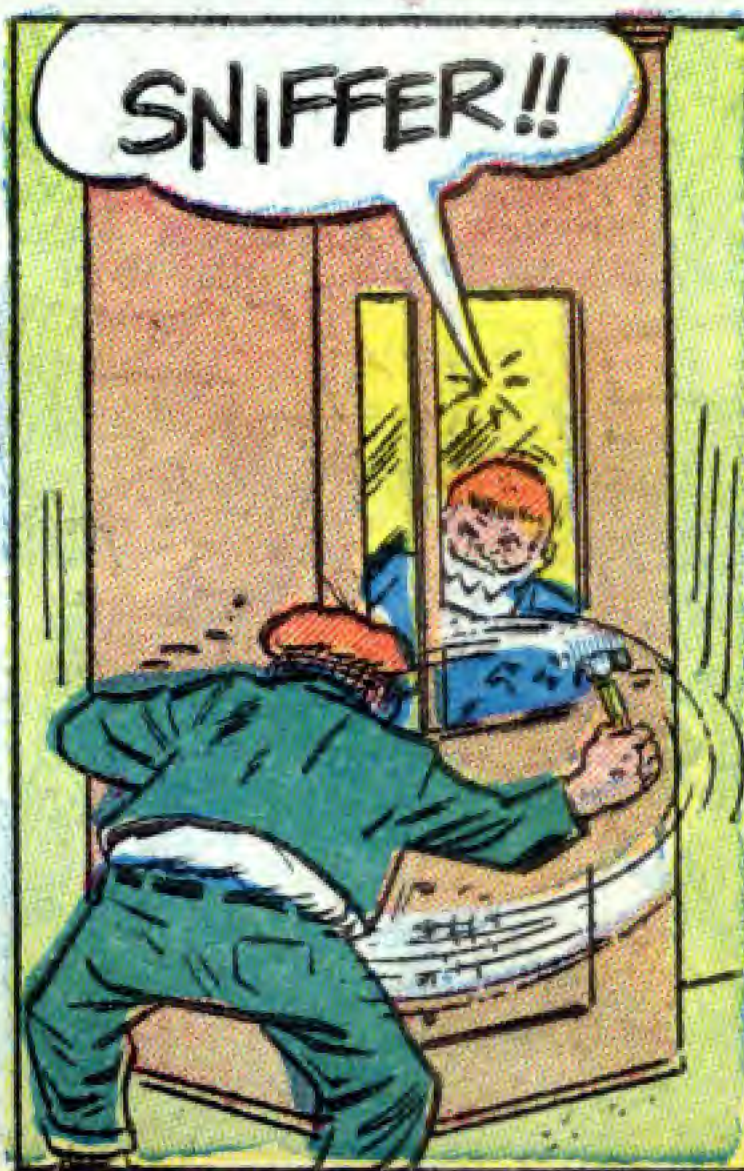
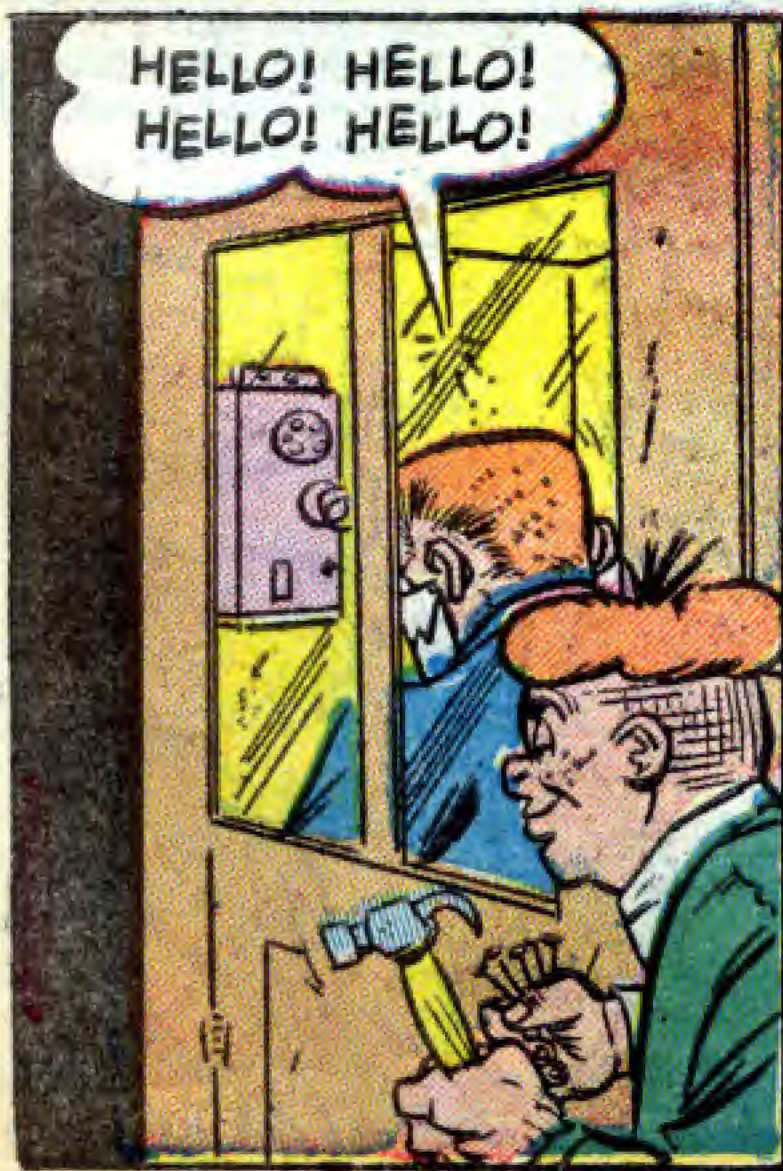
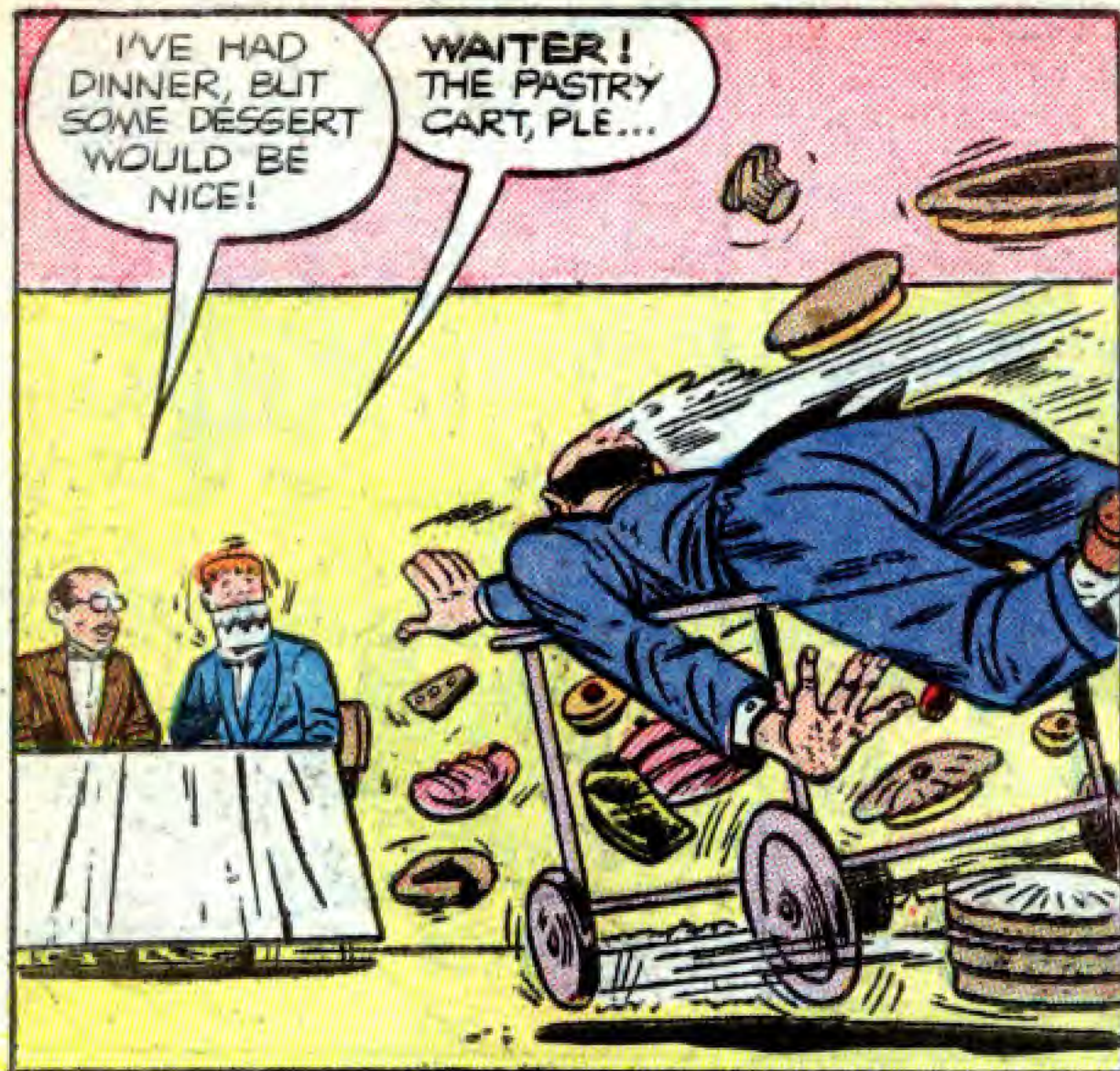
HIS GRANDMA WAS TAKEN SICK! HE SENDS HIS REGRETS!

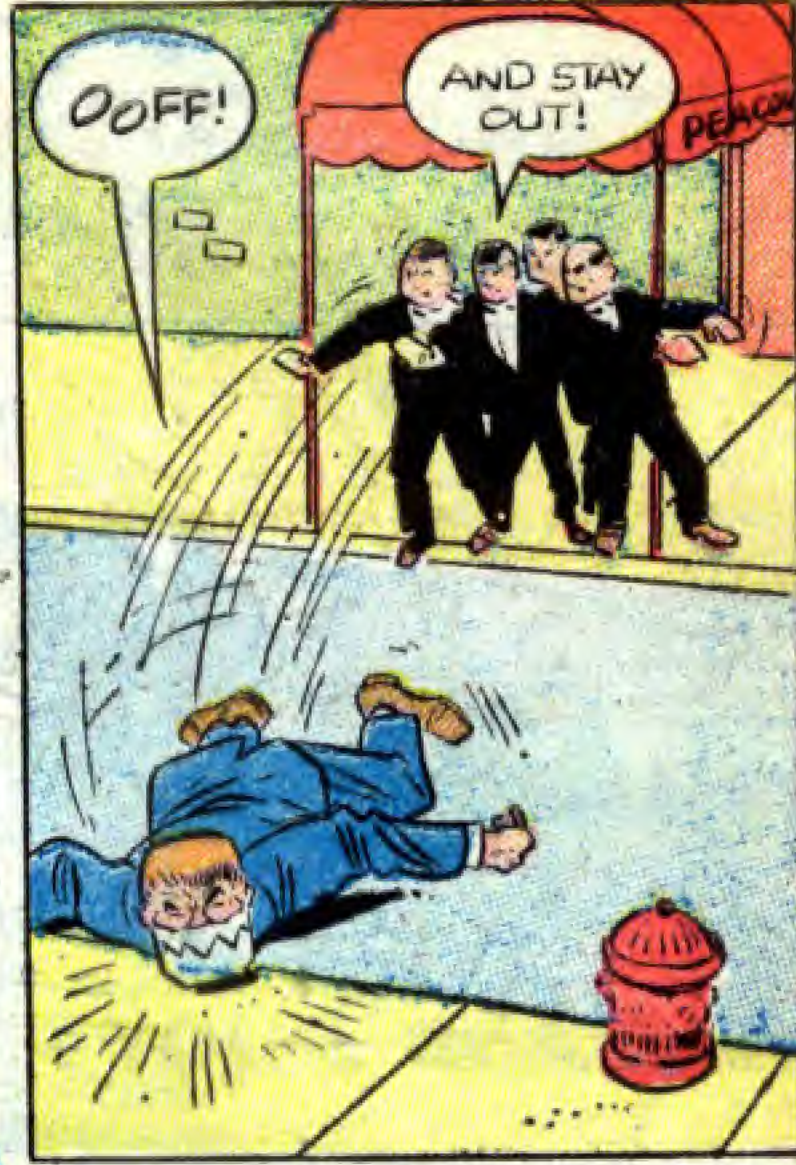
TABLE TWELVE WANTS DA PASTRY WAGON!



...AN' IN A HURRY!

SQUISH!





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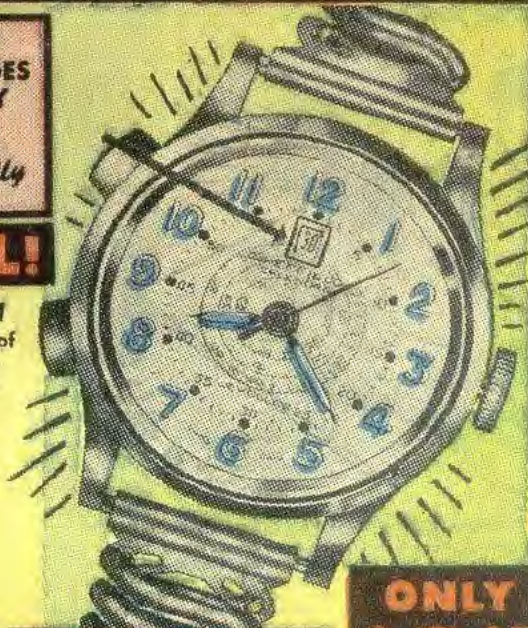
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